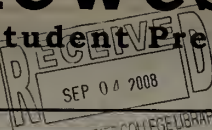


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Welcome Class of 2012, Returning Students and Faculty!

The Good, The Bad, & The Dunkins

COLBY HENDERSON
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

When I first arrived on campus this past week for the first time in over three months, there were two things that immediately caught my eye: the Westfield State College pillars that are located in front of 333 and Woodward, and the new traffic light located at the Davis Hall commuter lot intersection. I was initially impressed with the new additions to the campus, but I became a bit skeptical of the traffic light after seeing a sign that said, "No Turn On Red" when pulling out of commuter lot. I immediately thought of the inconvenience the lights will be as you anxiously await to turn right at the green light. All while your looking to your left and seeing a quarter of a mile of empty road. It will be hard to fight the temptation to go, but deep down you know there is a WSC cop lurking in the shadows waiting to pounce on anyone who disobeys the new traffic laws.

Westfield State College Junior Matthew Costonguay, a commuter and West Springfield resident believes that the traffic lights will be received with mixed emotions by stu-

dents and faculty. "I now have to deal with 16 traffic lights in my seven mile commute to school in the morning which adds to the inconvenience that is traveling through Westfield." Costonguay stated.

Another interesting addition that are sure to catch everyones eyes are the enormous television monitors that are located on various dorms and academic buildings that say "watch-fire." The monitors will be used as information bulletin boards, providing students with useful information about the school.

One of the nicer additions to the campus was actually a re-location of the giant globe that used to be located behind Wilson which is now located in the center of the green between Dean Dining Commons and Lammers Hall. The globe, which also used to be located outside of the Arno Maris Art Gallery in Ely, is the perfect addition to what once was a barren green.

Let's not forget about the two big additions everyone has been waiting for, one of which I have been looking forward to all summer. Last spring President Dobelle announced the addition of a restaurant by day, bar by night which would replace the corner café located in the back of the

dining commons. To his credit, he did not disappoint. At first glance you can barely tell that any construction has even taken place this summer, but when you look closely you will see a beautifully renovated dining area complete with a California style eatery that serves as a restaurant by day and a bar for students that are over the legal drinking age at night.

Finally, what has been talked about for months and was originally supposed to be a starbucks, has become a reality. Dunkin Donuts has been added to campus and is located on the first floor of New Hall. For all of the students and faculty who need coffee to survive, they no longer have to rely on jazzman's or, for the more desperate folk, fighting the morning traffic in the center of Westfield just to get that fresh cup of joe that will somehow make their busy day more tolerable.

For now the changes seem good and everyone seems happy, and with President Dobelle, we can expect to see many more changes to improve campus life and our experiences at WSC.

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Information Technology - 5528
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Monday-Wednesday - 6:30am-10:00pm
Thursday & Friday - 6:30am-9:00pm
Saturday - 1:00pm-5:00pm

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T.I.P. set to rock WSC

JEFF DALE
Co-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

If you're looking for something to check out on the first "Thirsty Thursday" of the year, then look no further than the Ska/Punk band T.I.P. which will play at 8:30 p.m. on September 4th.

If you enjoyed Reel Big Fish two years ago when they rocked Spring Weekend then you'll enjoy T.I.P.

"We're Rock & Roll with horns," Patrick Hunter, lead singer of T.I.P. said. "Our goal is we want to play straight up, high energy music."

The Amherst, Massachusetts native said his bands College Rock style has gotten them show's all over New England and he's very excited about the show on Thursday.

"I grew up in Amherst playing show's in my friends basement. So playing at college's show's how far we've come,"

Hunter said.

Hunter added that the band started playing at Keene State College in New Hampshire where they got a lot inspiration for albums.

"When we were in college we played with a punk band from Amherst named Einstein and we would play at bar's in the Keene State area," Hunter said. "A lot of the time the bar's would pay us in drinks, so we would always tell the crowd to go to the bar and get drinks on our tab. After Einstein played one of it's member's named Snakebite got pretty intoxicated, and he had ridden a bicycle to the show for some reason, so he got's on the bicycle and he's just done. He rode home just screaming, 'I'm drunk on a bike' so we made that our second albums name. It was definitely something you could only get away with in college."

Bass player, Chad Melvin O'Brien, who is going to graduate school at Smith College for Social

work, said he was also pumped for the show on Thursday.

"The best part of our band is that we have different elements of music in every song," Melvin said. "Like in some of our songs we might have some elements of Poison and in others we might have elements of Reel Big Fish."

Despite the band's different tastes in music, Hunter said it helps them mesh however, there are limits.

"Like just because I like 80's hair metal it doesn't mean I'm gonna wear leather pants and do 10 minute guitar solo's," Hunter said.

The band is scheduled to play at Westfield State Thursday at 8:30 p.m. and at Castleton in Vermont on Friday.

"Everybody should come check it out," Hunter said.

"Yea, it's gonna be sexy!" Melvin said.

EDITOR'S DESK



Wow, are back already? That summer went faster than Charlie Zink's major league career.

All kidding aside this year is shaping out to be a pretty good year to be a senior, and a freshman. With all the new editions I hope all you freshman are aware it wasn't always like this, but I won't lecture, you guys will be getting enough of those in the coming weeks. I'm glad to be back and I'm glad there's a Dunkies on campus. Working here at the Voice is a lot easier when ya got some coffee. Like for instance right now it's 11 p.m. were trying to pump out a paper and I could use some caffeine. Thank god for Dunkin Donuts and Welcome back everybody! Peace...

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Stiller's latest is both smart and dumb

KENNETH TURAN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

OPPOSITES DO more than attract in Ben Stiller's unapologetic R-rated comedy "Tropic Thunder" -- they loudly and defiantly collide. Simultaneously smart and dumb, mixing clever satire with way over-the-top raunch and unrelenting profanity, this equal opportunity offender risks running off some of the very people who might appreciate it the most.

In his first turn at starring, directing and co-writing since 2001's memorable "Zoolander," Stiller has taken as his target all things Hollywood, including the perfidy of producers and agents, and the self-involvement of actors who say things like "I don't read the script; the script reads me."

But because the world of contemporary show business, from the bloodletting of the slasher franchises to Britney Spears without underwear, is often so extreme, parody necessitates being even more excessive, leading in this case to a severed head and blood that spurts like Old Faithful as well as language and situations that give new meaning and dimension to the notion of going too far.

Not only is "Tropic Thunder" guaranteed to offend, it already has. One of the mock films it references, "Simple Jack," and its story of a developmentally challenged young person who talks to animals, uses the tagline "Once upon a time . . . there was a retard." This has so upset advocacy groups that news reports say a coalition of them is intending to call for a nationwide boycott to protest "the movie's open

ridicule of the intellectually disabled."

But it would be regrettable if "Tropic Thunder's" undeniable excesses, including having an actor indulge in the 21st century version of blackface, blinded viewers to the reality that, like it or not, there is genuine humor and palpable satiric intent underneath the waves of unnerving bad taste and political incorrectness.

That comes not only from the script (written by the team of Justin Theroux and Stiller, and Etan Cohen) but from the film's committed and very funny actors, whose characters are presented in an especially clever way.

Because "Tropic Thunder" is the story of a group of thespians who come together to star in a Vietnam War action movie, Stiller chooses to introduce them with mock trailers from their last films, or in

the case of hip-hop star turned actor Alpa Chino (comic Brandon T. Jackson), with a salacious theatrical ad for his hot new energy drink, Booty Sweat.

After Alpa comes Tugg Speedman, played by Stiller. Once the world's top action star, Speedman's Rambo-type action epics hit a wall with "Scorchers VI: Global Meltdown," and an attempt at sensitivity in the aforementioned "Simple Jack" didn't do too well either.

Jeff Portnoy (Jack Black) is also looking for a change of pace after playing, Eddie Murphy-style, all the members an entire brood of flatulence-obsessed behemoths ("America's favorite obese family") in "The Faties" and a sequel that can't be mentioned in a family newspaper. At least not yet.

Then there is five-time Oscar winner Kirk Lazarus

(Robert Downey Jr.), an Australian actor so committed to getting into character that he insisted on a "pigment alteration" operation to play the African American soldier Lincoln Osiris. In the trailer for Lazarus' last film, the controversial "Satan's Alley," we see him going back in history to "a time when to be different was to be damned" and playing a monk passionately attracted to a fellow disciple played by Tobey Maguire.

As these trailers remind us, Stiller has a gift for take-no-prisoners sketch humor that goes all the way back to his short-lived, Emmy-winning TV series "The Ben Stiller Show." Though it certainly has a plot, "Tropic Thunder" is best (continued on page 3)

EDITOR'S
DESK

Why can't the Red Sox just come out and admit that Beckett's injury is much more serious than it really is? Just one more week until the Pats opener vs. Kansas City... 0-4 BABY!

Anyways, I'd like to start my first editor's desk of the semester by welcoming all of the new freshman to the college and hopefully some of you will be interested in writing for the Westfield Voice this year. There will be an interest meeting within the next week or two for anyone interested in being on the Voice staff so keep your eyes open for a time and date. Also, I want to thank everyone that helped us put this first issue out because we only had a day to do it and we appreciate everyone's help.

Also, I hope none of you read Matt's article to the right of this because I am very bitter that I turned down a ticket he offered me to go to the show. MSG is too far to drive when you have work in the am, please, give me a break.

Enjoy the opening week festivities.

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Police say farewell at MSG



Matthew Costonguay
Voice Columnist

In 1986, The Police walked off stage after playing a six song set, which featured U2's Bono on vocals of "Invisible Sun," after playing the end of a benefit concert for Amnesty International at Giant Stadium in New Jersey. After that, the biggest band in the world just disappeared, and for 22 years, aside from a two-and-off set at Stings wedding and a four song set at their Rock and Roll Hall of Fame induction, were gone for good, with a promise from their leader, the well-versed Sting, that he would have to be "certifiably insane" to reunite the band. That being said...

The Police wound up their 2 year world reunion tour on August 7th to a capacity crowd. The power trio of Sting, Stewart Copeland and Andy Summers wowed fans for the final time at Madison Square Garden to benefit city organizations. The tour, which sold nearly 3.7 million tickets world-wide and grossed nearly

\$358,000,000 over 151 shows, ends up as the third largest tour in history.

The group, led by a scruffy looking Sting, surprised everyone by opening with a cover of Cream's "Sunshine of Your Love" before being joined by the NYPD band for a drum line-driven version of "Message in a Bottle" before running into the regular set.

A few songs into the set, Sting stopped to thank his band mates for "for your musicianship, your companionship, your friendship, your understanding, your patience with me." He Added, "The real triumph of this tour is that we haven't strangled each other. Not that it hasn't crossed our minds."

Another special moment for the band was during "Every Little Thing She Does is Magic," when Sting was joined on stage by his daughters and Andy Summers by his son, who danced with the music and gave gifts to their famous fathers.

After playing through tight versions of "Wrapped Around Your Finger," "De Do Do Do, De Da Da Da," "Invisible Sun," and "Can't Stand Losing You," the band stepped off stage for a few minutes, and

over the video screens, backstage footage of Sting being shaved by two blondes while the band laughed and joked around behind him played. While Sting was being cleaned up, Andy Summers came on stage, quencing the beginning of the first encore, which opened with a cover of The Jimi Hendrix Experience's "Purple Haze," which led into "Roxanne," "King of Pain," a special version of "So Lonely" which showcased the talents of Stewart and Andy, which was followed by the classic, "Every Breath You Take" for the final time.

The band stepped off stage once more here, before returning for one last song, a minor hit off their first album, "Next to You." After the song, the band embraced, confetti rained and a roadie dressed as the "fat lady" came out and sang, and the Looney Tunes. "That's all, Folks" theme blared through the loud speakers at MSG as the band walked off stage for the final time.

And with that, it was over, again, with the band disappearing into the darkness for the final time.

Stiller (continued from page 2)

approached as a series of skits stretched out to feature length, a film easier to appreciate for its clever parts than for any kind of coherent whole.

These four actors, along with boyish newcomer Kevin Sandusky (Jay Baruchel), have gone on location in Vietnam to film the heroic memoirs of John "Four Leaf" Tayback, a gnarled veteran with prosthetic hands and a brooding presence (who else but Nick Nolte).

When director Damien Cockburn (Steve Coogan) starts

to lose control of his high-powered actors, it's Four Leaf who suggests taking them out to the jungle and shooting the whole movie guerilla-style until, in the director's memorable words, "you'll be begging for a body bag if it means a ride home."

Lurking in that jungle, unfortunately, is a Vietnamese heroin-producing plant run by the dread Flaming Dragon organization, and that reality ends up changing everything for the cast and its Hollywood support teams. That includes Speedman's agent, Rick "the Pecker" Peck

(Matthew McConaughey), and certifiably insane producer Lee Grossman (a completely unrecognizable and undeniably wild and crazy Tom Cruise.)

Like the actors stranded in the jungle, patrons of "Tropic Thunder" have to be ready for anything thrown at them by a film with a sensibility that makes the Three Stooges look like Faith, Hope and Charity. That includes a memorable conversation between a downcast Tugg Speedman and Kirk Lazarus, determined to stay in African

American character and keep his ghetto mannerisms until after the DVD commentary is recorded, about the pitfalls of an actor going "full retard" in search of an Oscar nomination.

It would be easier all around, obviously, if we lived in a culture where the potentially offensive and the undeniably comedic weren't linked as closely as they are, but contemporary moviegoers don't have that choice. You pays your money, and you takes your chances. It's as simple, and as complex, as that.

All College

Community Service Fair



Monday, September 8th
Scanton Banquet Hall 4-6 pm

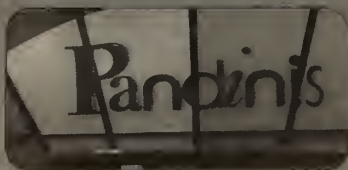
Students, faculty, staff - come and speak to 30 community organizations who will present their efforts and volunteer opportunities.
All FYE students **NEED** to attend this fair.
SERV opportunities available to all WSC employees.

Pandini's Restraunt & Bar



Westfield went all out with the design for the new on campus Restraunt & Bar.

Photo by: Jeff Dale



New salad bar at Pandini's. Don't worry, theres a real bar as well!

Photo by: Jeff Dale



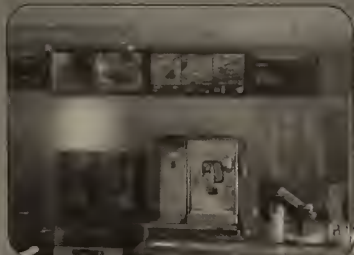
New pods next to Pandini's where students can relax and have a beer.



Plenty of space to have a good time.

Photo by: Jeff Dale

New Dunkin' Donuts



That's right! Dunkin' Donuts, on campus... That 8/15 just got a little easier.

Photo by: Jeff Dale



The New Hall common room is no more, but we won't miss it!

Photo by: Jeff Dale



Dunkachino's! Exclusively back at WSC!

Photo by: Jeff Dale



That looks pretty tasty at 7 o'clock in the morning!

Photo by: Jeff Dale

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How Neil Diamond Ruined Baseball: Why Red Sox Nation Stinks

is that being a Sox fan has kind of evolved into something similar to, to, hmm, to what would happen if you were to knock up some really, really hot skirt on a one-night stand. Next thing you know, you're roped in. All that joy for a fleeting moment and, yes yes, you'll forever be able to say you "got that" (World Series title) but at the same time you'll be shelling out money hand-over-fist for the rest of your life, being forced to deal with her friends every time you just want to go enjoy yourself. You're only two options after that, are suck it up and hope she forgets about you (team never wins again) so you can go back to enjoying life (everything Red Sox) without enduring the hell that is her friends (bandwagon fans, Sweet Caroline, etc.) and just having to deal with the money you'll have to keep paying out, which, let's face it, for the peace of mind of being able to freely drop the f-bomb in the bleachers without having a mother of two turn around and tell you that's inappropriate, is well worth it. The only other option is to cut and run and brush up on the history of another team and bleed for them. The Cubs look good this year. I really can't see anyone jumping on that bandwagon after they win their first title in a century this fall, can you?

The community service effort also allowed the players a chance to bond.

"Not only do we help the community but it gives us a great chance to grow together," said junior defensive lineman Josh Leger.

Westfield
State CollegeStudent Activities
August 29 - September 6, 2008

WELCOME WEEK

FRIDAY 8/29

Room Decorations: 6-6 p.m. Halls
Open Mic Night (Free) 9 p.m.-12 a.m.

SATURDAY 8/30

Inflatables and Wiffleball Tournaments (Free)

Drive It Home (Free) 8:30 a.m.

SUNDAY 8/31

Trip to Northampton (Free) 10 a.m.

Welcome to WSC with Dave Binder (Free) 8 p.m.

Ely Main Lounge WSC community only

Brown Bag Bingo (Free) 9:30 p.m.

Ely Main Lounge WSC community only

MONDAY 9/1

Hypnotist—Dan Larosa (Free) 8 p.m.

Ely Main Lounge WSC community and guests only

Buses to Walmart (Free) 12 noon

Depart every hour from Scanlon Hall and return on the hour

TUESDAY 9/2

Campus Fair on the Green (Free) 2-5 p.m.

Campus Green, Families welcome

Live Music by Grupo Canale (Free) 5-6:30 p.m.

Campus Green, Families welcome

Family Fun (Free) 5-6:30 p.m.

Campus Green, College, community and families welcome

Dinner and Opening Meeting (Free) 6-7 p.m.

Campus Green, College, community and families welcome

Concert and Dancing (Free) 7-8:30 p.m.

Campus Green, College, community and families welcome

Art Trivia Game (Free) 8:30 p.m. Ely Main Lounge

WSC community only

Broadway Comes to Westfield 2008 Auditions (Free)

8 p.m., Wilson 127

WEDNESDAY 9/3

Info Session for Commuters (Free) 11 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Ely 130, All commuters welcome

Welcome Reception for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender,

Allies and Friends (LGBT+): (Free) 3:30—6 p.m.

Private Dining Room. Students, faculty, staff & friends are invited

Hall Council Interest Meeting (Free) 7 p.m.

Lamson Hall Lobby

Man's Soccer vs. Eastern Conn. (Free w/ID)

7 p.m., Alkamas Field, Grab a drink and watch a game

Red Sox vs. Baltimore (Free) 7:05, Ely 130

Movie: Baby Mama (Free) 8 p.m., Ely Main Lounge

WSC community and guests only

THURSDAY 9/4

Info Session for Commuters (Free) 1-2 p.m., Ely 130,

All commuters welcome

Welcome Reception for Students/Staff of Color, International

Students, Friends & Allies (Free)

6-8:30 p.m., Third World Room, Ely Basement

Band: "T.I.P." Arrives to WSC Campus (Free) 6:30-9:45 p.m.

Campus Green, Roth Location Ely Main Lounge

FRIDAY 9/5

Football vs. Nicholls College (Free w/ID)

7 p.m., Alkamas Field, Support WSC athletes

Red Sox vs. Texas (Free) 8 p.m., Ely 130

SATURDAY 9/6

Man's Soccer vs. Southern Vermont (Free w/ID) 1 p.m.

Alkamas Field, Come show your support

Red Sox vs. Texas 8 p.m., Ely 130

Ely Racquetball Court Schedule (Free)

Mon-Fri 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Sat/Sun 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

WSC community only

Ely Pool Schedule (Free) Open to WSC Community Only*

OPEN SWIM

MON—7:30-4 and 6:30-9:45 p.m.

TUE—12:45-2:00 and 6:30-9:45 p.m.

WED—2:30-4 and 7:30-9:45 p.m.

THU—12:45-2 and 6:30-8:45 p.m.

FRI—2:30-4 and 6-9 p.m.

SAT—CLOSED

SUN—4:30-7:30 p.m.

WATER AEROBICS

MON—6:30-8 a.m. Swimming for Fitness

TUE—12:45-1:30 p.m. Water Abs Workout

WED—6:30-8 a.m. Swimming for Fitness

WED—6:30-7:30 p.m. Intense Water Abs Workout

FRI—6:30-8 a.m. Swimming for Fitness



8/29 Room Decorations—Halls

8-8 p.m.

Time to get creative!

8/29 Photo Scavenger Hunt

"All Weekend"

Pick up material at any event

Walmart gift cards for prizes

Prizes allowed

Free - WSC students only

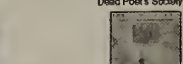


8/30 Drive in Movie (Free) 8:30 p.m., Campus Green

Can't Hardly Wait



Dead Poet's Society



WSC community only

Come out with your friends and enjoy the movies outside

8/31 Brown Bag Bingo (Free) 9:30 p.m.

Ely Main Lounge Prizes, refreshments and a chance to

meet some new people at the kick-off of the

2007 Brown Bag Bingo program WSC community only

9/1 Trip to Northampton (Free) 10 a.m., Depart outside Res Life

Depart from front of Scanlon Hall. Left something off home? Jump on a

bus to Walmart. Buses depart on the hour until 5 p.m. They return

on the 1/2 hour. Another good way to meet people while running some

errands!

9/1 Buses to Walmart (Free) 12 noon, every hour

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8/29 Open Mic Night

8-10 p.m., Ely Main Lounge

Come out and sing or just listen

WSC community only

8/30 Wiffleball Tournament

3-5 p.m., Campus Green

Also Inflatables!!

Free

WSC students only

8/31 Dave Binder (Free)

8 p.m., Ely Main Lounge

Meet the rest of the Class of 2011

at internationally known performer

Dave Binder's Welcome Back show

Refreshments will be served WSC community only

9/1 Hypnotist, Dan Larosa (Free) 8 p.m., Ely

Main Lounge. One of the most exciting programs

during Welcome Week. Dan Larosa, nationally

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The program usually has "standing room only"

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College chiefs back lower drinking age

BY JUSTIN POPE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

College presidents from about 100 of the nation's best-known universities, including Duke, Dartmouth and Ohio State, are calling on lawmakers to consider lowering the drinking age from 21 to 18, saying current laws actually encourage dangerous binge drinking on campus.

THE INITIATIVE LIST

A list of colleges whose presidents have joined the Amethyst Initiative is available at www.amethystinitiative.org.

The movement called

the Amethyst Initiative began quietly recruiting presidents more than a year ago to provoke national debate about the drinking age.

"This is a law that is routinely evaded," said John McCardell, former president of Middlebury College in Vermont who started the organization. "It is a law that the people at whom it is directed believe is unjust and unfair and discriminatory."

Other prominent schools in the group include Syracuse, Tufts, Colgate, Kenyon and Morehouse.

But even before the presidents begin the public phase of their efforts, which may

include publishing newspaper ads in the coming weeks, they are already facing sharp criticism.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving says lowering the drinking age would lead to more fatal car crashes. It accuses the presidents of misrepresenting science and looking for an easy way out of an inconvenient problem. MADD officials are even urging parents to think carefully about the safety of colleges whose presidents have signed on.

"It's very clear the 21-year-old drinking age will not be enforced at those campuses," said Laura Dean-Mooney, national president of MADD.

Both sides agree alcohol abuse by college students is a huge problem.

Research has found more than 40 percent of college students reported at least one symptom of alcohol abuse or dependence. One study has estimated more than 500,000 full-time students at four-year colleges suffer injuries each year related in some way to drinking, and about 1,700 die in such accidents.

POPE CONTINUED
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WSC Student of the Week



Stats: Ivan Omar Cordero, 21, Senior

Major: Mass Communications - Media Arts

If you could have any Superpower what would it be? I would wish to fly so I could fly to Puerto Rico where my parents are from.

If you could change one thing about the Campus? Places with cheaper food. Like breakfast foods. Like an IHOP or Denny's.

If you had to eat one meal everyday for the rest of your life? I eat bacon and eggs on an english muffin or a bagel everyday, three times a day.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Well I wanted to be a spaceman, but now I think I'm gonna have to do something with video production.

If you could sleep with anybody in the world, alive or dead, who would it be? That famous person, the blonde.

Marilyn Monroe? Yea that one.

Would you want her to be dead? Is she dead now? Yea either way I guess.

The Angry Liberal: McCain not winning my vote

MOLLY COYLE
MANAGING EDITOR



OK, so maybe I'm a little biased. I'm a registered Democrat so of course I would

be voting for Obama, but something has been happening recently that has made me just a little more nervous about the possibility of John McCain winning this election.

My boyfriend is a Republican and has supported John McCain from the beginning. We used to be able to discuss politics in a civilized manner. We could both see good points in each other's candidates, but since last spring, the party politics have gotten increasingly worse.

Since the spring, John McCain has become progressively more and more right wing. My final project for Journalism II was to write a three part series so I decided to write about the then three possible presidential nominees: Clinton, Obama, and McCain.

In comparing information that I found from both their own websites and nonaffiliated sources I discovered that I wouldn't fear a United States that was run by John McCain. He seemed much more moderate and didn't want to impose his own personal views on the government. One example of this is one issue that's very important to me: abortion. He said that he, personally, is against abortion but, having seen what it had done before Roe V. Wade was put in place, he would never want to overturn it. Over the summer I saw John McCain at a rally in the "Bible Belt" where he is hardly a favorite, and I heard him say that if he was elected president, he would overturn Roe V. Wade.

I'm not naive. I know that politicians usually have to tailor their policies to fit those of their supporters and backers, however, this made me particularly sad because suddenly, any credit that John McCain might have had as a "Maverick" went right out the window. In fact, at the time that I was writing that article I had decided that if Clinton was chosen to represent the Democratic party, I would

vote for McCain.

McCain's pick for V.P., Sarah Palin, is another example of McCain's ability to cave to the pressure of his supporters. We all knew that many of the Clinton supporters weren't happy with her decision to drop out, so what did McCain do? Invited a virtually unknown woman to be his V.P. after only speaking to her twice (and only once in person). Sure, there will be some women who harbor enough bitter feelings toward Obama to vote for someone just because she's a woman, despite the fact that in terms of policies, she's virtually Clinton's opposite, but hopefully most women will see this as a shallow ploy to make the Republican party seem more progressive.

Now don't get me wrong, I really feel badly for Sarah Palin. She has become a pawn in McCain's game, and she's the one being attacked for it. The media's endlessly sexist comments, from both the left and the right, have been embarrassingly blatant and offensive. The questions about whether she can raise five children (one of those infant with Down Syndrome) while simultaneous-

ly assisting in running the country is ridiculous. The sad truth is that I don't think this country knows how to react to a woman of power. I don't ever remember a male presidential candidate being asked whether or not he can balance his family and his job.

The bottom line is that I'm very disappointed that the politics in this country don't seem to be changing like we're being told they are. This bipartisan Republicans vs. Democrats, right wing vs. left wing, conservative vs. liberal, is not good for the morale of this country. Each party wants what's best for this country. Let's face it, not many people from either party would say that our country is doing fine the way it is right now. My solution? We need to find a way to work together to improve everyone's quality of life.

Whether you agree with me or not I welcome your comments. So send me feedback at: wscangryliberal@gmail.com

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Crüe Fest: The loudest show on Earth

FRANNY ZUPANCIC
VOICE REPORTER

On August 22, 2008, the first annual Crüe Fest concert tour came to Mansfield, Mass. at the recently renamed Comcast Center. Crüe Fest was a summer tour featuring five bands, organized and headlined by glam-rock icons Mötley Crüe. This tour is said to be an alternative to metal pioneer Ozzy Osbourne's long-running summer festival, Ozzfest.

I purposely went to this concert late to miss the opening band, Trapt. I do not feel they fit in with the rest of the line-up and I have never been a fan of their work.

The second band to take the stage was Sixx AM. Rarely listening to the radio, I had not heard much of this band, so I did not know what to expect. All I knew was that Nikki Sixx of Mötley Crüe was their bassist. Despite not knowing any of their songs, I really enjoyed their entire set. Their guitarist, DJ Ashba, played excellently, and their lead singer was great as well. Singer James Michael had a typical modern/nu-metal vocal style but with a soulful sound comparable to Paul Rodgers (Free, Bad Company, Queen). Nikki Sixx was very respectable. Despite being the biggest star on the stage he took the low-key road as played off to the side to let the others have the spotlight.

After Sixx AM was finished the crew set up for Papa Roach's set. There was not a long wait which was surprising. Long waits between sets at con-

certs can be a common complaint. Papa Roach came onto the stage to begin their set. This was the second time I had seen them. In 2006 I saw them open for Guns N' Roses in Worcester. Back then, I did not expect much because I felt they were out of place on a tour with GnR and Sebastian Bach, however, they proved me wrong.

Even though I knew they were going to be good at Crüe Fest, they exceeded all of my expectations and stole the show. Lead singer Jacoby Shaddix put full effort into entertaining the fans, jumping off the stage and dancing through the pit. While I thought that was great, I was shocked to see that he went as far back as the soundboard, which is in the center of the whole venue's seating section. After finishing a song he made his way back to the stage, and the band performed their hit "Last Resort" with a sped-up punk style intro.

Buckcherry was up next. I had wanted to see this band ever since watching them perform Janet Jackson's "Nasty" on MTV Icon many years ago. I have been a fan of them since then, long before their reached massive success with their latest album, "15." Unfortunately, the Buckcherry who wrote the "Time Bomb" album was a completely different line-up. Lead singer Josh Todd is the only member from both lineups, and unfortunately the only song they did of the old lineup was "Lit Up." The band performed most of "15" and played some new songs as well. Todd's on-stage banter raunchy and they fit right in with Mötley Crüe on this tour. Their

encore was an excellent extended version of their smash-hit "Crazy Bitch," with a short cover of Billy Squire's "Stroke Me" in the middle of the song. After being thoroughly impressed by all three bands I had seen, I felt I had already gotten my money's worth, but I still had one more band to go.

Mötley Crüe's set began with a silhouette of a devil dancing behind a big black curtain. Velvet Revolver used a similar method the last two times I saw them, and I can say it's quite an effective way of starting off such a high energy set. After the devil was done dancing, the low climbing wail of Mick Mars' guitar played the intro to "Kick Start My Heart." The curtain dropped to the floor, the lights turned on, the pyrotechnics lit up the stage, and Tommy Lee's thunderous drumming started one of the Crüe's best songs. Normally this is a song they close their sets with, but it worked as an excellent opener as well.



ZUPANCIC CONTINUED
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EDITOR'S DESK



So this has not been the greatest first couple weeks for me. In our last edition we made a few mistakes. OK, we made a lot of mistakes, but at least we can only go up from here. In our defense we only had a day to put together a paper that usually takes an entire week.

Now to what transpired last Friday.

I, along with our sports editor, Pat Daytan, were broadcasting the Owl football game live on 89.5 WSKB and also on Pennantia.com. It was a great game. Down in the fourth, senior QB Dan Cohen threw a 95 yard touchdown pass to junior wideout David Benoit to give Westfield the lead. Westfield won the game 13-10. The game was not the problem.

The problem was I brought my laptop, camera, and iPod to the game in my backpack. Naturally, I figured I would take some pictures, notes, and write an article for this edition. What I didn't plan on was having all of my stuff stolen while I was unhooking all the equipment after the game. I know it sucks, and that's why I'm offering a \$100 reward for anyone who has any information.

All of the stuff was in a black Northface bag. The laptop was a white Mac Book G4. The camera, a black Panasonic Lumix, and lastly a black video iPod.

If you have any information email me at jdale8899@wsc.ma.edu or call me at 978-430-3600.

Also for those who stole it. Chances are you didn't realize you were stealing that much stuff. If caught I'm pretty sure that goes on your record as a felony, so if you want to give it all back I won't turn you in.

Jeff Dale

Co-Editor-In-Chief

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Just Sex

guessed it!) the Nasty.

Now you may be thinking, "Who the hell is this lady? What does she know?" Well sexy readers, I must say that I do not consider myself an expert, or "sexpert" if you really want to get cutesy. I am writing this because I love talking and hearing about sex.

This is where you come in. I plan to set up a Facebook group in which I will post a weekly bulletin about the topic, i.e. threesome, oral sex, contraception, you get the picture. Leave me your experiences, embarrassments, questions, anything you like on the bulletin. Although your posting will not be anonymous on Facebook, I will ALWAYS make you anonymous in the column.

Also, I will be providing an e-mail address under the con-

tact information of the group in

case you want to e-mail anonymously.

Remember sex kittens, this is NOT an advice column! I simply gather your thoughts and throw them out there for all of campus to see while adding my own loud-mouthed opinion in the process. The goal here is for an honest and raw look at sex concerning college students, so take part!

Also, I'm always open for suggestions about new topics, so have a crack at it! Since this was just my little introduction, I will be seeing you on the bulletins. Until next time, wrap it up, be safe, and Happy Sexing!

Send us feedback at:
wscjustsex@gmail.com

LAUREN MATTOS
SEX COLUMNIST

OK, so I am hoping that while you were running to class thinking things such as, "I have absolutely no idea what I want to do with my life," that you, by some grace of the gods, had the word "SEX" catch your eye.

Yes, this is a sex column, and yes, it is going to be dirty sometimes. OK, all the time.

Now what I need from you, my little readers, is your experiences, thoughts, gripes, fantasies, questions, horror stories, absolutely anything and everything concerning (you

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EDITOR'S DESK



I am aware that there were some errors in our first edition of the paper, but you have to realize that Jeff and I put that paper together, by ourselves, in less than a day. We had a mid-night deadline with our publisher in order to get the paper out before everyone moved back to school. We are working to put together a staff that will help us in our efforts to put out a quality paper on a weekly basis. That being said, we will be holding a general interest meeting on Monday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m. in The Voice office, located above Jazzman's in Ely. There will be more information available around campus by the end of the week.

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ZUPANCIC CONTINUED....

One of the major highlights of their set was the performance of the title track of their excellent 2008 album, *Saints of Los Angeles*, which sounds so much like classic Mötley Crüe that it could have been released 25 years ago. They were joined by the lead singers of the previous four bands for the ending chorus of the song, just like in the music video. This was possibly

my favorite moment of the show, more than the intro, because the collaboration of these artists sent a strong "rock and roll is still alive" message to the fans.

The pyrotechnics were used sparingly throughout the set to remain effective, rather than becoming overkill, and the lighting was excellent. Mick Mars did superb job as the band's only guitarist, and was surprisingly mobile despite his condition (Ankylosing Spondylitis). Tommy Lee was excellent, as expected, but I also expected a drum solo and was let down as there was no solo to be found. Vince Neil's performance was way better than expected. He has

improved greatly since the band's 2004 reunion.

The Crüe's encore was "Home Sweet Home," with a beautiful piano intro played by Lee, followed by a small pause so he could switch back to his drum kit to finish the song.

I left this show blasting Mötley Crüe in my car on the ride home. All four of the bands I saw were better than expected. Halfway through Mötley Crüe's set, bassist Nikki Sixx asked the crowd, "What are you guys doing next summer? How about meeting us back here for Crüe Fest 2?"

Sign me up, I'm there.

Buffett transforms Mansfield into "Margaritaville"

COLBY HENDERSON
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF



The days may be getting shorter and the air may be getting colder, but Jimmy Buffett tried his best to keep summer alive at the Comcast Center in Mansfield, MA this past weekend.

Wrapping up their east coast leg of the "The Year of Still Here" tour at the Comcast Center, Buffett and the Coral Reefer Band played in front of a sold out crowd of 19,900 parrot heads.

The show was scheduled to begin at 8:00pm but the fun began right around 11:00am as the Comcast Center parking lots were open for the biggest tailgating concert around.

Thousands of Buffett fans dressed in grass skirts and Hawaiian shirts spent the beautiful Thursday afternoon grilling shrimp, and mixing margaritas, which has become almost as important as the show itself.

Buffett started the show with a song entitled "Homemade Music" off his 1988 album, *Hot Water* before jumping into "Tiki Bar Is Open", a cover originally

written by John Hiatt and "Fruitecakes", a concert staple which has been played ever since it's album of the same name was released in 1994.

Buffett, the "Mayor of Margaritaville" answered chants of "Buffett '08" and "Barack O' Buffett" by joking that he "accepts your nomination." However, that was about as political as he would get throughout the night.

After breaking into "Trying to Reason with Hurricane Season", Jimmy took the time to announce that his next show, two days later at the same venue, would be moved from 8:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. because of Tropical Storm Hannah, which was expected to hit Massachusetts. Buffett assured the crowd that he wouldn't let a little rain spoil their good time.

Buffett ended his first set with one of his most popular songs, "Cheeseburger in Paradise," along with Van Morrison hit and Buffett concert staple, "Brown Eyed Girl" and "One Particular Harbor".

After a short break, Buffett broke into an excellent rendition of the Grateful Dead's "Scarlet Begonias," which seemed to channel the spirit of Jerry Garcia.

The second set consisted

of some of Buffett's more well known hits including, "Volcano," "Son of a Son of a Sailor," "Last Mango In Paris," "A Pirate Looks At Forty," and the famous, "Margaritaville," which was used to close out the second set.

With the fans chanting "Buffett" while staring at a dark stage, you began to hear the jaws theme which has become synonymous with the song "Fins." The crowd went crazy and the lights went on to find Buffett making the shape of a shark fin with his two hands and yelling "Fins to the left, fins to the right." The Crowd went crazy as Buffett played a classic rendition of the song and eventually broke into another cover, this time of Bob Dylan's classic, "Rainy Day Women #12 & 35," with the crowd emphasizing the line "everybody must get stoned!"

Buffett ended the show by playing a solo acoustic rendition of the song "Nautical Wheelers" off his 1974 album, *AIA*.

The music may have stopped, but the party spilled out into the parking lot where it had begun nearly 12 hours prior, as many fans tailgated well into the night. One thing is clear, at the age of 61, Jimmy Buffett is still the life of the party.

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FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

After having one of the worst days of my life, I walk up the driveway, open the front door and flip it open, causing it to take out the coat rack just inside the door, knocking it to the floor. "Shit," I mutter to myself as I walk into the kitchen. The dog is in her kennel and begins to bark her ass off because she thinks I'm an intruder and I try like hell to ignore her. I grab a glass of water and tudge up stairs to bed. Before going to bed, I put on Sportscenter and see that the New England Patriots have won another game. "Are you f***ing kidding me? Christ, I hate Tom Brady. I hope someone cuts his hangnails or something." I turn off the tv, slam the remote down, and turn on my iTunes and fall asleep to a mixture of The Police, The Smiths and Talking Heads and look forward to sweet dreams.

The next morning, I walk downstairs to make breakfast, Thomas' English Muffins and a mixing bowl of Cinnamon Toast Crunch with a glass of coke (don't judge me). I sit down at the table and take a big shovel full of CTC and grab the paper. As I read the headline, I nearly spit my food straight across the room, "58 DEAD IN PLANE CRASH CARRYING PATRIOTS FOOTBALL TEAM." Sadistically, I smile and, like a kid on Christmas, dive in, not being able to control myself as I excitedly sift through the articles magical content.

Picking out pieces of the article and reciting them to myself, "Boeing 747 went down

around 2:00am in a remote portion of the Pocono region of Pennsylvania," "bodies buried beyond recognition," "Bellicchios' ex-wife refuses to identify the body of her 'scumbag' ex-husband," "WR Randy Moss and LB Teddy Bruschi the only survivors," "Tor more please see page C2."

I frantically turn the pages as my cereal becomes soggy and my muffins grow cold. I sip my coke and glare into the black and white again and anxiously continue reading. To the left of the article, is a picture of Giselle, weeping in the streets outside her ridiculous apartment in New York. "Tom Brady's body was found on top of the body of one of the plane's stewards," the article said, no doubt, he was busy creating another illegitimate child in his final moments before the plane crashed into the remote Pennsylvania countryside.

I could not believe my eyes. Was this real, or just a wonderful dream? I turn on Sportscenter, to see Ron Jaworski, Chris Berman and, football broadcasting's biggest idiot, Tom Jackson, discussing how tragic the events were. Still smiling, I clutch the remote against my chest, close my eyes and say a silent prayer of thanks; now there is no way my Giants can lose in two weeks, nor will I ever have to see Tom Brady or that hobo those people call a head-coach on Sundays as long as I live! I run up stairs to my bar, and pour myself some Jack Daniels single-barrel on the

rocks to complete such a monumental moment in sports history; the end of a dynasty. As I begin to sip, I hear a faint ringing in my ear. I walk back towards my bed to investigate and the sound grows louder and louder until... I shoot up from a dead sleep. I look around my room, my bottle of single barrel is still sealed on my desk. I reach for the clicker and turn on the television to see football broadcastings biggest idiot, Tom Jackson, still on his preverbal knees for Tom Brady's performance against the Jets from this past Sunday's game. It was all a dream. A wonderful, magnificent dream. Most would feel a kind of let down after waking from such a tremendous/ly brilliant dream, but not I. I felt relieved, and was ready to attack the day, believing now, more than ever that good things could happen.

Now, I wrote this piece in mid-December of last year. Obviously, the Patriots didn't all die in a plane crash, and like "Dallas," it was all a dream. At the time, however, it was the only way I could feasibly see them not completing their run to perfection. Obviously, it wouldn't take a Marshall University-esque plane crash to derail their run, instead it only took a magnificent performance from the under-rated Giants defense and the unbelievable (and, being a die-hard Giants fan, I never thought I'd say this) poise, grace and leadership of Eli Manning to do it, and keep Mercury Morris running his mouth for one more season. Many of my friends (yes,

I still have a few) asked me why I would choose now to print this.

My answer is to keep the wounds fresh. There is far too much pride and blatant arrogance in Patriot land these days and apparently, the gaping wound left by the 17-14 loss to my Giants in the Super Bowl, hasn't healed. It may have been alleviated a bit by time, but judging from reaction to excerpts posted from this piece in my away messages, on facebook, etc. in the last week, it is obvious that these wounds haven't, and are still, far from healing. I can only hope that this one, final addition of salt to the open wound is finally enough to shut you people up and realize you're a very, very good football team with a genius head-coach and a ridiculously talented quarterback. Just like Indianapolis fans, Charger fans (well, kind of) Dallas fans and, sometimes, New York Giants fans. Let's face it, this year, the AFC East is far better than it's been in the past, so last year was really the only chance they had at a perfect season, which, everyone knows the greedy, arrogant group that is Patriot nation, would have loved more than anything to have played. Thank God it didn't, because the last thing we need is more idiots talking like they're from Southie and pretending they know Tom Brady personally.

The Patriots had one of, if not the easiest schedule in the NFL last year. If the Giants had that cake-walk, even they'd have finished 13-3 or so. My point is,

is that yes, the Patriots are great but they're not the only team in the league worth a damn, so stop telling me how good Tom Brady is, or how amazing his eyes are or how much you love Bill Bellicchio, because you'd hate their guts as much as I do if they played anywhere else and, because I have half a brain, which is more than those of those idiots who follow that team could dream of having, I know that they're arguably the most talented team ever assembled, so you don't need to explain it to me.

I'm glad I can rub 18-1 in the faces of Pats fans until I die. David Tyree (hahaha) makes a catch to rival Dwight Clark's "The Catch" and then Manning books up with Burrell in the corner of the end zone to put an end to the Patriots run at perfection.

I've taped the replay off of NFL Network, so that I can watch it and feel better when I'm having a bad day. This game is honestly recover-from-losing-my-girlfriend-in-a-flaming-car-wreck-in-an-hour type therapy. A constant reminder that the mighty do fall. And to be honest, there is nothing better than recalling the images of Patriots fans staring catatonically at their televisions the way some did at CNN after 9/11, in utter disbelief that this could, and did happen to them.

Popsicil suckers!! (editors words not mine).

If you want to bitch Matt out email him at: hatemail_myfavorite@yahoo.com or wefang_is_shitting_his_head@yahoo.com

Westfield State Nips Nichols, 13-10

by MICKEY CURTIS
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

WESTFIELD, Mass. — Senior quarterback Dan Cohen (Wilbraham) and junior receiver David Benoit (Ludlow) connected for a school record 95-yard fourth-quarter touchdown reception to lift Westfield State to a 13-10 victory over Nichols College.

It was the season opener for both New England Football Conference teams in a cross-divisional game played in front of a large throng of 2,613.

Struggling to mount an offense for most of the final three quarters, the Owls struck for the long pass-run play with 10:14 remaining in regulation. On a second down at the five-yard line, Cohen was flushed from the pocket and heaved the ball near the midfield stripe. Benoit out-jumped Nichols defender Brandon Wallace for the pass, then ran

50 yards untouched for the shocking score.

Westfield State also came up with a huge defensive play late in the game to seal the big victory. Nichols mounted a drive at its own 42 with 5:01 remaining and four first downs later was at the Westfield six-yard line.

A run play resulted in a loss of four yards, then on second and 10 Westfield defensive tackle Matt Fall delivered a crushing blow that jarred the ball loose from quarterback Justin Nelson. Junior Tommy Pena recovered the fumble and the Owls took over at their 17 with 1:38 remaining. Westfield then picked up a first down to run out the clock.

Westfield moved the ball well on its first two possessions of the game but couldn't dent the end zone. The Owls had to settle for field goals of 29 and 33 yards from sophomore transfer Chris Stengel (Forest Hill, MD).

It appeared Westfield would hold a 6-0 half lead, but

a personal foul following a punt gave Nichols the ball at the Owl 32 with 18 seconds remaining. Nelson completed a 12-yard pass, then a second-down swing pass to Robert Morris, who raced down the right sideline for a 20-yard touchdown with nine ticks left of the first-half clock.

Nichols took a 10-6 lead on a 22-yard field goal by Joshua Harris with 9:14 left in the third quarter.

Morris led all ball carriers with 85 yards on 24 carries. Westfield's Drew Lyons rushed for 44 net yards on 22 carries.

Cohen only completed 12 of 29 passes with two interceptions, but he finished with 228 passing yards as a result of the school-record toss.

Benoit led all receivers with six catches and 176 yards.

Harris completed 22 of 34 passes for 167 yards and no interceptions. Eight Bison had pass receptions.

Athlete Of The Week

Dan Cohen
Quarterback #6
Senior



Sport: Football
Hometown: Wilbraham
Major: Psychology
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Brady lost for season: Patriot fans mourn loss

JEFF DALE
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Our worst fears have come true. Tom Brady, the face of the Patriots, is lost for the season.

After all the controversy last season over Brady's left foot, after all the speculation about that same foot in the pre-season, after Matt Cassel's mediocre performance in the pre-season, it has all come to a head.

Last Sunday, on Brady's second drive of the season, Chief's safety Bernard Pollard came barreling in on a safety blitz. It looked as if Patriots running back Sammy Morris

had him blocked, but not well enough. Pollard would fight out of the block of Morris and his helmet would make contact with Brady's left knee.

You can say what you want about the hit, but ultimately, the league deemed it legal. In, on other hand, thought at the time it was a bit dirty. However, this is what happens in the game of football, and we all must move on. Now begins the Matt Cassel era, and it turns my stomach to write that.

Matt Cassel, a quarterback who has not started since November 24, 1999. To put that date in perspective, he was in high

school the same time I was in 7th grade.

Despite Cassel's performance in the pre-season, he looked decent in Brady's absence on

to Brady's 2001 season in which he led the team to the Super Bowl as Drew Bledsoe's backup.

Basically a quarterback who won't lose you a game, but won't necessarily win you one either.

Through the fog of this enormous storyline lingers another storyline. Can Bill Belichick win without Tom Brady? Now, before all of you Belichick fans put me on the cross, let me throw some numbers at you: 41-56. That is the record of Bill Belichick without Tom Brady as his quarterback. It included one playoff appearance and zero victories. With Brady you're looking at a different story. 86-25 with six

playoff appearances and three Super bowl titles. Whatever way you look at it, Belichick has a lot to prove this season.

Call it karma, but ever since "Spygate" and the ensuing streak to the Super bowl, this franchise has been awaiting a karma shift. That shift came in the Super bowl, when the impossible happened and the undefeated Patriots lost. They lost what was the greatest upset in Super bowl history, maybe even in sports history. Now, karma has smacked us in the face again, this time in the form of Brady's left knee.

Oh how the mighty have fallen.



Keep laughing Matt. The rest of Patriots fan's are in mourning.

- Photo courtesy of Boston.com

Sunday, throwing for 152 yards, a touchdown, and completing 72 percent of his passes. Certainly nowhere near Brady-type numbers, but Pats fans can hope that Cassel can put together a year comparable

Red Sox Look to Grab First Behind Loyal Fans

Craig Nardini
Voice Reporter

On the same night that the Boston Red Sox set the record for most consecutive sell outs in major league history, they also moved within a half game of the division lead.

The 456th straight sell out eclipsed the mark the Cleveland Indians set from 1995- 2001. The streak began for the Red Sox on May 15, 2003 and has seen over 16 million loyal fans come through 96 year old Fenway Park over the past five seasons.

The Portland Trailblazers own the overall record with 744 consecutive sell outs, but the Sox have the longest active streak in any of the major sports.

The hunt for the American League east title is the closest it has been since the all-star break. The Sox are surging, winning six of there last seven

games and gaining five games on the Rays in the last eight days. The offense has been rolling of late with everybody hitting, including the formerly dormant Jason Varitek. Rookie Jed Lowrie has given the Sox good reason to trade or buy out the overpaid and overrated Julio Lugo at the end of the season. Dustin Pedroia, who should win the MVP award, has been a machine at the plate. No matter if he is leading off, hitting second, or even in the clean up spot he continues to hit anything near him.

The emergence of Kevin Youkilis as a 25-30 homerun, 100 RBI threat has been much needed since the departure of Manny Ramirez.

The pitching has been solid behind the consistent Jon Lester and the recently activated Josh

Beckett. Beckett, who pitched five strong innings with seven strikeouts in a win against the Texas Rangers, seems to be healthy after having his elbow examined. Daisuke Matsuzaka, at 16-2, keeps winning despite being a walk machine and topping a hundred pitches in the fifth inning.

Lastly, the team's achilles heel seems to be getting on track as the

Hideki Okajima have been bridging the gap to Jonathan Papelbon who has been lights out as usual. Well, until last Tuesday night.

The Rays have taken, in my opinion, an inevitable turn for the worse. Losers of four of their last six, with mostly the offense and inexperience to blame, they seem to be on the ropes for the first time all season. The

Rays have never won a series in 25 tries at Fenway, losing 21 and splitting four. Just over a week ago they had a commanding five game lead with the Sox looking more toward the wild card and watching what the Twins were doing.

Now the Rays look feeble and mentally drained from the rigors of a baseball season. There is no doubting the fact the Rays are talented and young and will still make the playoffs barring

an enormous collapse. The loss of left fielder, Carl Crawford, and rookie third baseman, Evan Longoria, has contributed to the downward spiral of the offense as well.

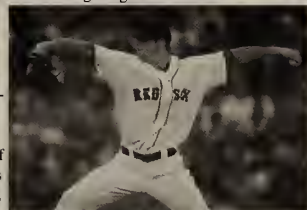
The good news for the Rays is that there is still a seven game lead in the wild card standings. The Rays are a vulnerable team right now limping in to Boston and with favorable pitching match ups, the Sox should come out on top of the east after the completion of the series.

Coach's Corner



Bill Devine
Cross Country Coach

Welcome to WSC Coach
Devine
Good Luck!
Go Owls



Jon Lester has played a key role in the Red Sox post season surge.

- Photo courtesy of nbc sports.com

bullpen has been much more consistent over the past couple of weeks. Manny Delcarmen and

WSC going global

International Winter session courses open for applications

Westfield State College is Going Global! During the winter break between the fall 2008 and the spring 2009 semesters, WSC is offering credit-bearing courses in 8 different international locations.

Under President Dobbelle's leadership, this new program has grown from an idea to reality in a very short time. Urging students to take part in this opportunity to study abroad, he says, "In the 21st century, it is imperative that education prepare our students to be citizens of the world, with the capacity to respect a diversity of views and to learn and collaborate productively with individuals whose geographic, ethnic, and linguistic backgrounds are different than their own. Studying abroad is a highly effective way to ensure these educational goals are met and to prepare for the professional challenges faced after graduation. I hope that every student at Westfield State College will consider its potential."

Cynthia Siegler, director of the new International

Programs Office in Parenzo Hall, room 130, tells the Voice that the college is offering the following faculty-led courses: Environmental Biology in Belize with Dr. Tim Parshall, Art and Culture in Ghana with Dr. Kamal Ali, World History in Italy and Sicily with Dr. Mark Abate, Law and Criminal Justice in Morocco with Dr. Daniel Price, Education in Poland with Dr. Marcia Home, The Caribbean Experience in St. Maarten/St. Martin with Instructor Trevor Hodge, M. Ed., and Theatre in London with Dr. Sabine Klein. Freshmen who are enrolled in the Freshman Experience course should consider the Freshman Global Experience course in Mexico with Kathi Bradford, M.S.

Siegler said, "for this inaugural 'J-Term', all courses are the same price. Scholarship money from the president was applied to the cost per trip. For \$2870, students receive round-trip airfare, local accommodations, excursions and entrance fees, local transportation costs, tuition and fees." Limited financial aid is available.

A J-Term Information Session is scheduled for

Tuesday, September 23rd in Scanlon Banquet Hall from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served. The J-Term faculty will be available to discuss their courses and will conduct a question and answer session. All interested students are invited to attend.

The college plans to offer more opportunities to study abroad in late May and in forthcoming winter sessions and late spring semesters.

Applications are available in Siegler's office (Parenzo 130), on the college's homepage and at www.wsc.ma.edu/education abroad. The deadline to apply is October 1st. All courses carry 3-to-4 credits; most apply to core and/or major requirements. The minimum requirements to apply are a 2.25 gpa over 24 earned hours (Mexico excluded). Contact Cynthia Siegler at 572-8545 or at csiegler@wsc.ma.edu with any questions.

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for an application

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The deadline to apply is October 1st.

POPE CONTINUED...

A recent Associated Press analysis of federal records showed that 157 college-age people, 18 to 23, drank themselves to death from 1999 through 2005.

Moana Jagasia, a Duke University sophomore from Singapore, where the drinking age is lower, said reducing the age in the U.S. could be helpful.

"There isn't that much difference in maturity between 21 and 18," she said. "If the age is younger, you're getting exposed to it at a younger age, and you don't freak out when you get to campus."

McCardell's group takes its name from ancient Greece, where the purple gemstone amethyst was widely believed to ward off drunkenness if used in drinking vessels and jewelry. He said college students will drink no matter what, but do so more dangerously when it's

illegal.

The statement the presidents have signed avoids calling explicitly for a younger drinking age. Rather, it seeks "an informed and dispassionate debate" over the issue and the federal highway law that made 21 the de facto national drinking age by denying money to any state that bucks the trend.

But the statement makes clear the signers think the current law isn't working, citing a "culture of dangerous, clandestine binge-drinking," and noting that while adults under 21 can vote and enlist in the military, they "are told they are not mature enough to have a beer." Furthermore, "by choosing to use fake IDs, students make ethical compromises that erode respect for the law."

"I'm not sure where the dialogue will lead, but it's an important topic to American families and it deserves a straightforward dialogue," said William Trout, president of Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., who has signed the statement.

But some other college administrators sharply disagree

that lowering the drinking age would help. University of Miami President Donna Shalala, who served as secretary of health and human services under President Clinton, declined to sign.

"I remember college campuses when we had 18-year-old drinking ages, and I honestly believe we've made some progress," Shalala said in a telephone interview. "To just shift it back down to the high schools makes no sense at all."

McCardell claims that his experiences as a president and a parent, as well as a historian studying Prohibition, have persuaded him the drinking age isn't working.

But critics say McCardell has badly misrepresented the research by suggesting that the decision to raise the drinking age from 18 to 21 may not have saved lives.

In fact, MADD CEO Chuck Hurley said, nearly all peer-reviewed studies looking at the change showed raising the drinking age reduced drunk-driving deaths. A survey of research from the U.S. and other countries by the Centers for Disease Control and others reached the

same conclusion.

McCardell cites the work of Alexander Wagenaar, a University of Florida epidemiologist and expert on how changes in the drinking age affect safety. But Wagenaar himself sides with MADD in the debate.

The college presidents "see a problem of drinking on college campuses, and they don't want to deal with it," Wagenaar said in a telephone interview. "It's really unfortunate, but the science is very clear."

Another scholar who has extensively researched college binge-drinking also criticized the presidents' initiative.

"I understand why colleges are doing it, because it splits their students, and they like to treat them all alike rather than having to card some of them. It's a nuisance to them," said Henry Wechsler of the Harvard School of Public Health.

But, "I wish these college presidents sat around and tried to work out ways to deal with the problem on their campus rather than try to eliminate the problem by defining it out of existence," he said.

Duke faced accusations of ignoring the heavy drinking that formed the backdrop of 2006 rape allegations against three lacrosse players. The rape allegations proved to be a hoax, but the alcohol-fueled party was never disputed.

Duke senior Wey Ruetpen said university officials should accept the reality that students are going to drink and give them the responsibility that comes with alcohol.

"If you treat students like children, they're going to act like children," he said.

Duke President Richard Brodhead declined an interview request.

But he wrote in a statement on the Amethyst Initiative's Web site that the 21-year-old drinking age "pushes drinking into hiding, heightening its risks." "It also prevents school officials 'from addressing drinking with students as an issue of responsible choice.'"

Hurley, of MADD, has a different take on the presidents.

"They're waving the white flag," he said.

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Your Weekly Horoscope

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

Traveling will bring you close to your future love interest. Educational opportunities will help you meet, new and exciting individuals. Your peers and colleagues are impressed with your work and always look ahead to work with you.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

Take time out to enhance your physical looks and leave an impression in the social circuit and attract opposite sex. Go for a new haircut, facials or tone up your body. Join a gym or a fitness center to flaunt an attractive body.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

You will make favorable changes in the domestic scene. Residential moves seems a possibility which will leave you tired. You will remain busy in the household chores this weekend. Don't exaggerate on an unimportant issue and give yourself stress.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

Minor health issues might affect your productivity at the work place. Negligence of health can worsen your health. Don't indulge in eating oily, spicy and junk food. Eat healthy to live a healthy and maintained life.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

Influx of fresh thoughts and innovative ideas will make you ambitious and you will strive to achieve success in all your ventures and achieve success. Discuss your future plans with your better half to get the right advice and gain clarity of thoughts.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

It's a right time to materialize your long awaited plans. Get on with the new business deals and entrepreneurship. Excess of work load in the office station can be lessened by delegating the work amongst the co-workers.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

With your leadership quality, command superior and higher rank in the office. Take part the corporate meetings and self improvement programs to come in contact with the interesting people who will bring out the best in you.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

Take time out to pursue your hobbies which will give you creative satisfaction and liberate your thoughts. You are fully charged and energetic to complete your tasks and priorities in a constructive way.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 23)

Drive safely on the roads to avoid minor accidents. Grab the attention of your spouse by presenting them unique gifts. You will deal with the emotional problems while handling with your loved ones.

Libra

(September 24 - October 23)

Arguments with friends and relatives by the end of this week will cause friction. Don't overlook change in your life as its an important aspect in your life. Pursuing creative hobbies will be satisfactory and an alternative source of income which will stabilize your financial condition.

Scorpio

(October 24 - November 22)

Concentrate on your financial investments to fetch maximum profits. Avoid traveling this week and stay in the close proximity of your family. Love affairs will be an enlightening experience but won't continue for long.

Sagittarius

(November 21 - December 23)

Verbal Communication is the best way to open your heart and know the other person's feelings. Partners can be a bit demanding and cause friction in the relationship. Intellectual interaction is a way to gain the insight of your true feelings.

*Horoscopes by 123NewYear.com

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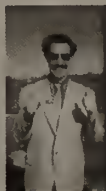
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Voice thats not riddled with typo's.



Matt Castonguay still writes for us.

Scrubway Sagas: Episode One by The Cat Whisperer



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Sat 9/13	Faith Lund: Art Exhibit 8:00a.m. to 11:00p.m. 333 Garden Room B	Men's Soccer Vs. Newbury 1:00p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Turf	Red Sox vs. Toronto 7:00p.m. to 11:00p.m. Ely Main Lounge
Sun 9/14	Faith Lund: Art Exhibit 8:00a.m. to 10:00p.m. 333 Garden Room B	Catholic Mass 12:00p.m. to 1:00p.m. Interfaith Chapel	Red Sox vs. Toronto 1:35p.m. to 5:00p.m. Ely Main Lounge
Mon 9/15	Pilates 12:15p.m. to 1:00p.m. Wellness Center	WSKB General Interest Meeting 6:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. Ely Lower Lounge	Voice Interest Meeting 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Voice office
Tue 9/16	Water Abs Workout 12:45p.m. to 1:30p.m. Pool	Cardio Kickboxing Class Wellness Center 4:15p.m. to 5:15p.m.	Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay 7:05p.m. to 11:00p.m. Ely Main Lounge
Wed 9/17	Catholic Mass 4:30p.m. to 5:00p.m. Interfaith Chapel	Men's Soccer vs. Western CT 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Turf	Red Sox vs. Tampa Bay 7:05p.m. to 11:00p.m. Ely Main Lounge
Thu 9/18	Class Of 2010 Meeting 4:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. SGA Conf. Room	Class of 2009 Meeting 5:30p.m. to 7:00p.m. SGA Conf. Room	Field Hockey vs. WNEC 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Turf

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WSC
Student of the Week



Stats:
Paige Murphy, 18, Freshman
from Marshfield, Mass.

Major:
Undecided

If you could have any
superpower what would it
be?

I totally would wanna fly. I
would fly to Mexico and the
Bahamas. Warm places.

If you could change one
thing about the campus
what would it be?
Dude that's a tough one.
More parties and stuff. I'd
want to have my car here and
I wish that everybody could
go to the bar. And I wish the
dance team would be more
intense.

If you had to eat one meal
for the rest of your life
what would it be?
Chicken Caesar salad, NO
CHEESE.

What do you want to be
when you grow up?
I want to be an ET
[Entertainment Tonight] per-
son. Or I wanna be a DJ.

If you could sleep with any-
body in the world, alive or
dead, who would it be?
Lil Weezy baby. Or T.I.,
he's so f**kin sexy.

The Westfield State College Club Fair



Westfield State students gather around the Arno Maris globe for the college's annual club fair earlier this week.
- photo by Hugh Mailly

Famous paleoanthropologist speaks at Westfield

JEFF DALE
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

fossilized pre-human named
Lucy; Johanson spoke to stu-
dents and faculty at the
Woodward Center Tuesday
evening.

A native of Hartford,
Connecticut, Johanson grew up
learning anthropology from a
neighbor who taught the subject.
Although he initially studied
chemistry, he eventually
switched majors to anthropology,
and worked during summers on

archeological digs. He earned his
Ph.D. at the University of
Chicago the same year he dis-
covered Lucy.

Before Johanson's pre-
sentation he was awarded an hon-
orary degree from college presi-
dent Dr. Evan Dobelle.

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Dr. Johanson receiving his honorary degree.

- photo by Jeff Dale

September is Alopecia Awareness Month

CATHERINE GRELLA
SPECIAL TO THE VOICE

My name is Catherine
Grella and I am a senior here at
Westfield State College. When I
was thirteen years old my fam-
ily and I noticed the hair behind
my ears was slightly receding.
We thought nothing of it and
figured it was just because I
always had my hair tightly
pulled back due to being a ballet
dancer. As my year in the eighth
grade went on, the spots behind
my ears got larger and were

spreading to other parts of my
scalp. It took several doctors
appointments with different doc-
tors to finally get diagnosed
with Alopecia Areata in March
of 2001. I remember sitting
there with my mom listening to
the doctor basically telling me I
was going to be bald. I went
numb.

I went home that day
as a thirteen year old eighth
grader who was no longer look-
ing forward to the annual eighth
grade trip to DC or the dance
coming up on Friday. All I
could think about was the fact
that I was losing my hair. That

week one of my close friends
bought me a headband/bandanna
from Claire's Accessories. It hid
the bald spots well but still let
the red hair that I had left show
at the bottom, so that's where
the bandanna began. I skipped
my eighth grade graduation to
travel to California for the
National Alopecia Areata
Foundations annual conference.
It was there that I met several
hundred other people who also
had Alopecia. I was able to talk
to other kids and it helped me
regain a lot of the courage and
confidence I had lost when I was
diagnosed.



Grella Continued on Page 4

Useful Phone Numbers:

Bookstore - 5647
Public Safety - 5262
Information Technology - 5528
Library - 5231

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Monday-Wednesday - 6:30am-10:00pm
Thursday & Friday - 6:30am-9:00pm
Saturday - 1:00pm-5:00pm

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The Angry Liberal

MOLLY COYLE
MANAGING EDITOR

Maybe my column last week had some people misjudge what this column is about and how I am as a writer. I want to make sure we don't get off on the wrong foot already. I'm a registered Democrat and consider myself to be liberal on most issues, yes, but I want to make it clear that I'm not a blind follower. I try to get my information from non-biased sources as well as direct information from each of the candidates' camps.

A resource that I have found particularly helpful in this quest for the truth is www.factcheck.org. This website put together by a group of independents, checking statements made by both sides, because, let's not kid ourselves, no politician tells the truth all the time, even if you do ride in the "Straight-talk Express."

In fact, Mr. Straight Talker himself, John McCain, as well as his VP seem to have a completely different view of "the truth" than most of us do.

Sarah Palin (Who I'm considering calling "She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named" from now on) has become amazingly inaccurate in her statements.

In her speech at the Republican National Convention Sarah Palin said that she told congress, "Thanks, but no thanks," but the truth is that she was for the project before it became an embarrassment to the

state, but she continues to deny it. During her interview on ABC with Charlie Gibson, he mentions that she has been photographed in a t-shirt with the zip code of the "nowhere" town that the bridge was supposed to connect, but she insists that she was wearing the shirt because she supported the community, not the project.

OK, Sarah, so maybe that's possible (although probably not) that you wore that shirt even though you didn't support the bridge but what about all that pork-barrel spending that you supposedly don't support? Isn't it true that in your less than two years as governor you've requested \$750 million in special funding, which is actually more than any other state in the nation? Why, yes it is.

That's enough picking on She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named, because I could go on with her inaccuracies all day.

John McCain's ads are the source for most of his less than truthfulness, seeing as how he hasn't campaigned much since the convention and The View. One ad that he has out now claims that Obama's "one accomplishment" was a bill to teach comprehensive sex education to kindergarten, which is a claim that a former Alan Keyes made during an offened race for an open seat in senate in 2004. That's right, McCain can't even come up with his own slander. The truth of the matter is that the bill at hand would allow only age appropriate material and a no-

questions-asked-opt-out policy for parents. Obama didn't even cosponsor the bill never left the state senate. This seems like less than "Straight Talk" to me.

It's true that Obama is guilty of some misleading statistics as well, but it's also true that he does it far less than McCain and his camp.

In addition to being an informed citizen it's also imperative that we, as part of the youth vote, get out there and make our voices heard. Last election it was projected that John Kerry would win over the youth vote but unfortunately, the youth vote didn't show up.

OK, so most of us didn't really love John Kerry, it was more of an "anybody but Bush" campaign, but it's a new election with two mostly new candidates and, at this point, it's anyone's game.

If you're not registered to vote, make sure you do so by October 15 to vote in the election on November 4. If you are registered to vote in your home town, make sure you call your city or town hall and have an absentee ballot mailed to you.

Be sure to also watch the first presidential debate on September 26!

Whether you agree with me or not I welcome your comments. So send me feedback at: wscan@liberal@gmail.com

EDITOR'S DESK



So my luck is starting to change. After all my stuff getting stolen the other week I found a new Mac on Craigslist for cheap. Yeah, I'm a Mac guy, but not as condescending as that guy on TV.

I didn't get any of my stuff back (I guess my attempts in last weeks Editors Desk were all for nothing) but hey sh*t happens, right?

Classes are going great, but the fact that it's my senior continues to weird me out. I periodically keep seeing students who have graduated and they proceed to tell me I should fail all my class so I can come back. Thanks for the encouragement guys!

Here at the paper though, it's been all fun and games. We had our general interest meeting this past Monday and it went great. For anybody who didn't make it we will be having weekly meetings on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Ely 242. So come on down!

Until next week... Peace everybody!

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Just Sex with Lauren Mattos



"What does a mama bear on the pill have in common with the World Series? No cubs."

~Harry Caray

Oh sextops, it's been a whole week and how I have missed you! And since many of you were so kind to join and contribute to my little Facebook shindig, I decided to take a feather and give my funny-bone a little tickle by adding a humorous quote: A gift for you, my darlings (loooooove you!)

So throughout the week I've been doing my usual creepy

routine of asking people very personal questions about the slamma-lamma-ding-dong (I believe that's the medical term). This week I've been asking around about contraception, which I know tends to bring out the ladies a bit more, however I got some great input from some fine young gentlemen.

So I know we are big kids, but I have to remind all of you to please, please PROTECT YOURSELF! STD's are no fun, and if you happen to get knocked up you will more than likely suck at parenting, and your kid will probably end up sitting next to me screaming at a restaurant and believe me readers, I don't want to sit next to your bratty kid. Moving on.

Now from what I gather the most popular forms of birth control among college kids tend to be condoms and the pill. A lot of the time I find that people are using both (a great thing to hear!) I know that we are poor college kids who miraculously sustain life on a cereal diet, so prices of these things can be an obstacle for many of us. One

female reader on the bulletins recommended "getting a generic brand because that can save you a ton of money," which is an excellent point because certain

brands of birth control pills can get pretty pricey, whereas a generic brand works the same and is much cheaper. That's not to say that this is for everyone, as you must make an appointment with your physician to find out what type of birth control is right for you!

If I may share a little personal story, your humble narrator once fancied a go at the birth control patch. It made me quite nauseas along with other fin symptoms. Needless to say it was not the right choice for me. However that is only my experience, and I have heard about others who really enjoy the patch. My point is to make sure that you are making the best possible choice for your reproductive health.

Oh condoms, how fun (or tricky) they can be. I know you are smart people, however I feel that I must say this: birth

control pills do not protect against STD's, so wrap it up guys! Although I said I do not want to sit next to your hypothetical bratty kid, I would much rather deal with their spaghetti sauce-stained face than have you be the next spokesperson for the hottest new herpes medication. Seriously folks, an unplanned pregnancy is not nearly the worst thing that can result from a heated encounter, so be smart.

Getting back to condoms, we all know the moment leading up to The Nasty can be unbearably awkward when we are fiddling with the old love glove, however don't let this be a deterrent to using protection. After all, practice makes perfect. On the price issue, constantly buying condoms may get a bit pricey, however buying a party pack can be more cost-effective in the end. Also, if you are in a relationship or have some sort of friends with benefits thing going on, one female reader on the bulletin advised a compromise, "I pay for the BC (birth control) and make him pay for the condoms so it pretty much even

out." Brilliant. You're having fun and safe sex and saving your pennies at the same time, you responsible college-kid you!

Now before I go I have a couple final thoughts. First, if you are only using the withdrawal (pulling-out) method, please stop. Wrap it up stupid, it's one of the least effective forms of birth control AND chances are you can't control your barrel of love juice as well as you thought you could. Secondly, for the purpose of amusement and procrastination, get yourself onto YouTube and search "Pronto Condoms." They are only available in South Africa at the moment, but hopefully they make their way over here because they look quite fun (thank you to a condom-savvy male reader for the tip!)

Well looks like I am finished here for now. Until next week, be safe, wrap it up, and Happy Sexing!

Send us feedback at: wscjustsex@gmail.com

EDITOR'S DESK



I never have any clue what to write in this thing so starting this week I am going to suggest a song of the week for all of you that share my taste in music. This week you should listen to Jackson Browne's "Everywhere I Go" from his 1993 album, *I'm Alive*. Check it Out.

Anyways, I hope Professor Wefing doesn't mind his name being painted all over this paper. That being said, I don't take any responsibility for what Matthew Castonguay says, writes, or does.

Anyone interested in writing for the paper should attend our weekly staff meetings every Thursday night in Ely 242 at 7:00p.m. Everyone's welcome with any type of suggestions to improve the paper.

Also, make sure to check out Matt Nathanson!

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UPCOMING NORTHAMPTON SHOWS

@ the Iron Horse

Saturday, September 20th - Mose Allison - 7pm, \$20

Tuesday, September 23rd - Latin Night with DJ Joey Acevedo: Latin music and dancing - 10pm, Free

Thursday, September 25th - Rachel Unthank and Winterset, Devon Sproule - 7pm, \$15

@ the Calvin

Saturday, September 20th - Gordon Lightfoot - 8pm, \$55, \$45, \$35

Wednesday, September 24th - Citizen Cope (acoustic show) - 8pm, \$28.50, \$22.50

@ Pearl Street

Saturday, September 20th - Justin Nozuka, Gabe Dixon and, Jay Nash - 8:30pm, \$15

Jackson Browne Showcases Upcoming Album at Orpheum

COLBY HENDERSON
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

BOSTON - 36 years after he broke onto the scene with his self-titled debut album, Jackson Browne is set to release his 15th studio album, "Time The Conqueror."

Browne, 60, played a sold out show at the Orpheum Theater Tuesday night, a week before the release of his new album. Browne looked as young as he did when he broke onto the California songwriters scene in the early 70's.

He began the show with "Boulevard," a single off the 1980 album, "Hold Out." However, fans of Browne's older catalog had to wait a bit for their favorite songs, as he wasted no

time showcasing new material from his upcoming album. His first set consisted of mostly new songs off of "Time The Conqueror," including the songs: "Off of Wonderland," a song about his home city of Los Angeles, "The Drums Of War," "Going Down To Cuba," and "Live Nude Cabaret."

Towards the end of his first set he thanked the crowd for their patience as he played his new material and said, "The Heartbreakers tend to only play two or three new songs and then jump right into their hits and James Taylor usually asks the crowd if they mind him playing new material but then jokes that it doesn't matter because it all sounds the same anyways."

Early in his second set, Browne put down his guitar and played a great rendition of "The

Pretender" on piano, which got the crowd on their feet. After playing a couple more new songs, he played "Everywhere I Go," a lesser known, reggae style song off of his 1993 album, "I'm Alive." To end his second set he played crowd favorite and classic rock radio staple, "Running On Empty," from the album of the same name released in 1977.

For an encore, Browne played a very patriotic and political, "I Am A Patriot," written by Steven Van Zandt of the E Street Band, off Browne's 1989 album, "World In Motion," which had the crowd on their feet and begging for more.

Browne was still able to bring his A game after 30+ years of touring, and he still knows how to perform a great show.

Big D and the Kids Table at Newberry Comics

ANGELA BUNT
LAYOUT EDITOR

Newbury Comics opened their doors in Norwood, Mass. last Saturday to commemorate the store's 30th anniversary and grand opening of a new location.

Fully equipped with free food, face paint, and the usual quirky merchandise the store is known for, a steady flow of smiling customers came and went as they pleased.

The highlight of the Newbury Comics Grand Opening was the free show performed by Big D and the Kids Table. For those unfamiliar, Big D is a ska-punk band that hails (very proudly) from Boston. After 10+ years of touring, the band has perfected their live show and gained a loyal fan base. The stage was set up in the back of the store, and as 2:00 grew closer the fans began to gather around the stage.

The band ripped into their first set with "Steady Riot," a track off of their latest album "Strictly Rude." Let the skanking begin! After a few more tracks off of "Riot," Big D mixed it up by playing some of the classics. Namely, "Wailing Piddle," (a cover song originally by the Rudiments) and "Can't Be Caught." These songs are staples in Big D's live show archive.

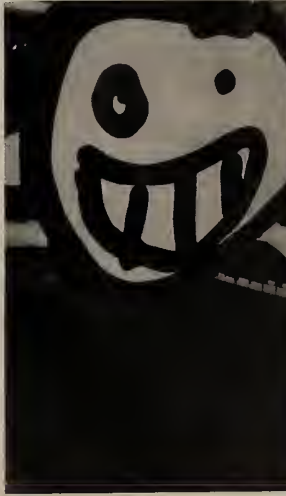
The thing that stands out most when watching Big D and the Kids Table perform is their interaction with the fans. There is literally no division between the audience and the band. Even the microphone that singer David McWane wields like a weapon is shared with the crowd.

The band started taking song requests about thirty minutes into the show, but were careful not to offend the youngsters in the crowd who were innocently looking

through merchandise. After playing a few requests the band went back to their set list which was a perfect mixture of old and new material.

Big D and the Kids Table played for almost an hour and a half. Immediately after walking off the stage the fans began to chant for more, and as always Big D was happy to oblige. The band played a two song encore and McWane announced that everybody would be supplied with free posters.

Newbury Comics decision to team up with Big D and the Kids Table was a wise one. The energy and distinct personality of the band coupled with the store's unique look and merchandise created a fun environment that everybody enjoyed.



Make Sure to Check Out
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DALE CONTIUED...

"Dr. Johanson, Westfield State College is proud to present you with this citation signifying the honorary degree we are about to bestow," Dr. Dobelle said. "Your life long [mission] to solve the mysteries of evolution lead you to Lucy, our ancient upright ancestor."

Dr. Johanson has lived a life of adventure and discovery. One that started with Lucy in 1974 and continued last January when he went back to Ethiopia. The impact of Lucy is a profound one; something Dr. Johanson showed he understood well.

"If we are to survive we have to get back to what connects us as a species," Johanson said.

Johanson said that Lucy stood about 3 and half feet tall and that her pelvis and thighbones helped determine that she was female. He also said that she was about 13 or 14 years old when she died, however a cause of death was never found. Johanson had a few theories though.

"There is a one punc-

ture mark in her pubic bone and it had to have been about the time she died," Johanson said. "We know that there were crocodile eggs down by the river near her. So she could have gone down to the river and been unaware of that. Maybe gone down to take a drink."

Many students and faculty came to the presentation on Tuesday. Among the students in attendance was sophomore Megan Prebensen, who aspires to be an archeologist.

"I really enjoyed Donald Johanson's presentation because I knew about Lucy, but even as an aspiring archeologist, I was unaware of the massive impact she had on the scientific field," Prebensen said.

Johanson ended his presentation with a statement, that for a person like him, who travels the world and has seen so many surreal things means a lot.

"I only hope that this species, which has made so many wrong choices, evolves to change to be much more prophetic, so someday we can look back. Thank you."

As high school came to an end I was extremely sad to be leaving my friends who had always been there for me. I was also incredibly nervous to be entering college where no one knew me or my story. I was nervous about meeting new people and I thought I would constantly be looked at differently. However, I was lucky enough to meet a lot of amazing friends here at Westfield, and I love them all so much!

So here I am eight years after being diagnosed. I now have Alopecia Totalis. But, over the summer my eyebrows started to fall out so that means I don't really fit into the Totalis

MATT GOSCIMINSKI
FILM CRITIC

"The Big Lebowski," "O Brother Where Art Thou?," "No Country For Old Men." All movies that people will say they absolutely loved (or hated if you don't like good movies), and all coincidentally directed by the Coen Brothers. I spent my Saturday night taking advantage of my newly acquired movie passes in order to catch their newest flick "Burn After Reading," and though I enjoyed it, it doesn't quite deliver the way you would expect after being exposed to their other classics.

The movie sports a great cast. George Clooney as a needy sex addict, Brad Pitt as a overly-energetic, bubbly personal trainer with the innocence and cluelessness of a puppy; Frances McDormand as a plastic surgery-obsessed online dating enthusiast; John Malkovich as a snobby alcoholic who just got fired from his CIA job; and Tilda Swinton as his cold, stuck-up wife.

category anymore. But this disease is unpredictable and it is something I live with everyday. I must also say that Alopecia has given me a great amount of courage, and I am still a very happy and outgoing person, I just don't have hair.

September is Alopecia Awareness Month. Alopecia is an unpredictable auto-immune disease that results in the loss of hair either on your scalp, or other parts of your body. There are three different kinds of Alopecia, Alopecia Areata, which is the most common, presents itself as one or more "small circular bald spots on the scalp. Alopecia Totalis is when

"Burn After Reading:" A Mediocre Masterpiece

As usual the Coens do a great job of creating a character-driven comedic storyline that is a refreshing breath away from all the Apatow or Farrell comedies that seem to dominate the genre. If you haven't caught the trailer, the film is essentially about Pitt and McDormand finding a CD-R with "secret documents" at their gym. They then try to blackmail Malkovich, who is married to Swinton who in turn is having an affair with Clooney.

This movie was filled with a random assortment of characters, all connected through coincidence. This aspect was a main draw for me and many others. I presume. The characters all come together and create a scenario that is crafted in such a way that each character believes that they are the center of some conspiracy against them. It's like a spy movie in that way, yet a comedy because there are no such conspiracies except for the characters' idiosyncrasies.

It's somewhat in the

same vein as "The Big Lebowski" in that when it comes down to it, nothing is happening, yet it is so absurd that you love to watch it.

Another great aspect about the movie is that it relies on dark humor for most of the funnier parts, which happens to be my favorite brand of comedy. You are essentially laughing at death, the characters' misfortunes and their losses, but hey it's just a movie so who needs to feel bad.

Though I was expecting a bit more from "Burn After Reading" in the ways of character development from the Coens, this was still a solid movie and one that I plan on seeing again so I can pick up on all the subtleties in the plot I missed the first time.

All in all I suppose if I had to give it a rating I would give it four acorns, three eggshells, and a banana (or in layman's terms an 8/10.)

GRELLA CONTIUED...

I was able to talk to other kids and it helped me regain a lot of the courage and confidence I had lost when I was diagnosed.

By the end of the summer I was getting ready to start high school as a bald freshman girl. I won't lie and say it was easy, but with the courage I had gained at the conference and having the best family and friends to help me, I made it through. I joined the cheerleading squad and lacrosse team and kept busy which kept my mind off of the disease.

New Facebook not creepy enough

CAIT PENNDORF
A & E EDITOR

The new Facebook is ruining my life. I used to use Facebook to mellow out and relax, but now every time I open the site up my brain starts to freak out. There are so many pages and links that everything seems disjointed and unorganized. These new changes also make Facebook what I like to call "uncreepifiable."

Yes, I will openly admit that I am a Facebook creep and chances are, you are too. Facebook is created for people to view other people's life in the form of a website. I once heard it described as "acceptable voyeurism" and I agree fully with that statement.

Now that we've gotten over the "creeping" issue, there are a few specifics of the new Facebook that I'd like to complain about. First off, what's up

with all of these crazy links and tabs you need to use to get to your applications and information? Every part of the site was easily accessed when it was all on one page with only a few links to bring you to photos and things like that. Now you have to basically find your way through the site to find information, rather than just quickly scanning one page.

"It's like a journey in a page, now it's a novel," said junior Stephanie Singleton of the new Facebook.

That brings me to my next rant: the wall. On the old Facebook, the wall was dedicated exclusively to messages posted to and from friends. Now, the wall has taken over the role of the mini feed, a section dedicated to showing whose wall a person has posted on, what groups they've joined, if they were tagged in any pictures, etc. Everything is thrown into one section seemingly carelessly, creating a chaotic appearance that's almost intimidating, even to a

frequent Facebook user. It looks as if the old Facebook threw up and the new Facebook is the result.

One more major issue I have with this new version is the applications section. It took me so long to discover that all of my beloved bumper stickers were under a tabbed section called "boxes." Would someone please explain to me why this would make sense? Shouldn't a place where applications are found be entitled "Applications"? I think so.

I feel that Mark Zuckerberg, the creator of Facebook, must hate me and wants me to be unable to effectively Facebook creep. I'll try to prevail, as I'm sure all you other loyal Facebook users will do as well. Maybe we'll even all get used to the new layout, as we did when they introduced the news feed and mini feed.

the entire scalp is bald. And lastly, Alopecia Universalis is when the entire body has no hair.

The hair loss is caused by your thyroid misguiding your white blood cells. Your thyroid sees your hair follicles as harmful to your body and therefore kills them. This attack on the hair follicles results in hair loss either on your scalp or other parts of your body. There is no rhyme or reason to why it happens or the pattern that it follows. There is no cure for the disease because doctors don't know why it even happens.

I wanted to share my story of Alopecia to spread awareness about a disease that

affects 1-2 percent of all people. This means there are more than five million people in the United States who suffer from Alopecia.

If you would like to know more you can visit the National Alopecia Areata Foundation's website at www.naaf.org. Or if you would like to ask me anything else or comment you can email me at cgrella8259@wsc.ma.edu or Facebook me.

Matt Nathanson to play Saturday

CAIT PENNDORF
A & E EDITOR

Singer-songwriter Matt Nathanson will be performing on the campus green this Saturday, September 20th. The show starts at 1:00pm and all students are welcome to come enjoy the sunshine and good music.

Local favorites, The Roadhouse Band, and Westfield State's own, Rachael Balcanoff, will open the show. Matt Nathanson is a talented performer whose music has been featured in the TV show "Scrubs," "One Tree Hill," and the movie "American Wedding."

His latest album, "Some Mad Hope," is his sixth studio release, and many fans would agree it's his best work yet.

Nathanson is also no stranger to Westfield, having played in Parenzo gymnasium during Spring Weekend 2006. "I was a freshman last time he played

here," Says senior Joey Constantine, "...I can't wait to see him again!"

The campus has eagerly awaited his return, and in a few short days, Matt Nathanson

will make sure it was worth the wait. To check out some of his music, visit Matt Nathanson's Myspace page: www.myspace.com/matt-nathanson



FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

For this column, I was going to do a mailbag piece and respond to a few pieces of hate mail I've received in the past few weeks but my computer got struck by lightning last Sunday and because of that, I haven't been able to check my email. So next week, there will be a mail-bag piece and for this week you have this.

I've been having a pretty good week and a half or so, starting last Sunday when Tom Brady went down with a season-ending knee injury. I ran around my house like Martin Gramatica (please God tell me you people remember that clown) celebrating a field goal in my joy and the hope that the Pats will now have a sub-par season. Anyway, riding this wave of joy, I decided to talk about things I like in the world instead of things I hate like Red Sox Nation and the New England Patriots and their fans.

The first thing I've really taken a liking to is NFL commissar Roger Goodell. Roger

Goodell is what Bud Selig wishes he could be in his wildest dreams. Bud Selig as we all know, is a patsy push over commissar, who turned baseball into a sham of itself by allowing it to become ridiculed with roid heads and All-Star games that end in ties. Roger Goodell is pretty much my present day sports hero, because he's willing to put these pampered-ass athletes like Adam Jones in their place. The sports universe needs more Roger Goodells policing their athletes.

Speaking of commissars, I friggin' love John C. McGinley as the Commissar of the **More Taste League**: because no one can ever get enough of Dr. Cox. I hook forward to breaks from Bryant Gumbel, the only sports broadcaster more ignorant than that disfigured doctor Tim McCarver, and Phil Simms, where I get to see John C. McGinley and his triumphant curls embracing his inner Dr. Cox as he chastises these bro's

who are continuously being found in possession of "non-sanctioned light beer." That's the yin and the yang, the bad and the bling if you ask me.

Also, it's getting toward post-season baseball time and, if you can't get up for the post-season this year, then you must be a corpse or a housewife. The Tampa Bay Rays, the lowly Rays, are playoff bound for the first time in their history and actually have a legitimate chance at making a run at the World Series. Could you imagine the Tampa Bay Rays winning the World Series? Ticker-tape parades where the die-hard Rays fans (all 7 of them) line the streets of down-town Tampa and cheer for greats of the game like Andy Sonnanstine and Ben Zobrist.

OK, not so much, but it would be kind of cool. There is nothing better in my book than running home after school to watch the Division Series and Championship Series on TV. It's the best time of the year in my book, besides maybe Spring

Training, and is something I look forward to every year and, as I said before, unless you're a corpse, so should you.

And the last thing I really love in sports today is Paula Creamer. Paula Creamer, the 22-year-old LPGA phenom, who is the #5 ranked women's golfer in the world and gorgeous to boot. I've been playing golf for about 10 years but hadn't played too often until I graduated High School. I guess it's the retired athlete (though I'd NEVER confuse myself with an athlete) mentality; after playing baseball in high school for four years, I've turned to a life of afternoon golf, boozing and a career in the media. And by career in the media I mean writing for the Westfield Voice instead of doing homework for my classes tomorrow. Anyway, after deciding mid-90's scores were not good enough no matter how cocked I was when I shot them, I invested in a subscription to Golf Digest, where I first saw the girl of my dreams, miss

Paula Creamer. She has actually got me watching, gulp, coverage of the LPGA on television. The best reason to love Paula is because she's better than Nancy Lopez and couldn't put on a blonde wig and win a John Daly look-alike contest the way Lopez could. She's a tall, stacked, gorgeous 22-year-old who can kick the crap out of me at something I consider myself to be pretty good at; what's not to love?

Well, I've said my piece about Paula, Ben Zobrist, John C. McGinley and given Roger Goodell his just desserts and now it's time I half-ass some academic homework. In the words of the great John Paulmann, cheers!

If you want to kick mail out email them at: hatermail_myfavorite@yahoo.com or wefing_is_shaking_his_head@yahoo.com

Owls Outlast Golden Bears, 23-21

MICKEY CURTIS
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. —Senior quarterback Dan Cohen, of Wilbraham, Mass., threw for 221 yards and the winning touchdown for the second straight week as the visiting Westfield State football team rallied for a 23-21 victory over Western New England College in the annual 20th Annual President's Trophy contest last Saturday. This was the second straight win for the Owls who now have a 12-8 edge in the President's Trophy series with the Golden Bears.

Cohen completed 12-of-25 passes with the big play a 64-yard touchdown to junior receiver David Benoit. Ludlow, Mass., with 13:50 left in the fourth quarter. Cohen stepped up into the pocket to avoid a blitz and heaved the ball down field where Benoit made a juggling catch and went untouched into the end zone. He finished with game-high eight receptions for 177 yards.

Last week Cohen and Benoit connected on a school-record 95-yard play early in the fourth quarter in a 13-10 win over Nichols.

The Golden Bears, who were playing their home opener, took the opening kickoff and moved from their 34 to the Owls' 23 before junior defensive back Nick Leverone (Natick,

MA) came through an 80-yard interception return to give the visitors at 7-0 lead with 10:27 remaining in the quarter.

WNEC took advantage of a blocked punt by freshman Austin Adaskaveg (Southington, CT) to tie the game. On third down, junior receiver Chris Vailliant (Holliston, MA) made a nice catch on a 14-yard touchdown pass in the right corner of the end zone from junior quarterback Justin Walz (Groton, CT) with 4:53 left in the period.

The Owls took a 14-7 lead into halftime following a one-yard run by junior fullback Steve Ohlson (Quincy, MA)

(17-of-34, 144 yards) connected with junior receiver Rob Chiacchio (Groton, CT) (a former high school teammate at Fitch High School) on a 32-yard play just 28 seconds later. Freshman Nick Taber (Staten Island, NY) set-up the touchdown with a 59-yard kickoff return.

Western New England College senior running back Jordan Capitanio (Torrington, CT) went over the 100-yard mark for the second straight week gaining a game-high 106 yards on 21 carries.

The Golden Bears held a slim four-yard advantage (311 to 307) in total offense.

Westfield State senior linebacker Jay Fielding (Methuen, MA) compiled 12 tackles (including two for losses) while Leverone had 11 stops. Senior linebacker Matt Burzduk (Hamden, MA) contributed 10 tackles and a sack.

Sophomore linebacker Dylan Chandler (Durham, ME) had a solid game for the Golden Bears with 13 tackles while sophomore linebacker Justin Bailey (Northborough, MA) had nine tackles. Freshman defensive back Daniel Darragh (Northford, CT) had his first college interception at the WNEC 11 with 4:24 left in the game.

with 3:06 remaining in the second stanza.

Western New England College (0-2) tied the game when Walz ran up the middle to avoid a blitz and went 19 yards to make the score 14-14 with 8:40 left in the third quarter.

Westfield State scored on the following possession on a 28-yard field goal by sophomore Chris Stengel (Forest Hill, MD) at the 5:40 juncture. Stengel also averaged 45.1 yards for eight punts, including a 70-yard kick.

WNEC came right back to take its first lead when Walz



The Owls celebrate with the President's Trophy after their big victory over local rival Western New England College. Photo by Mickey Curtis

Athlete Of The Week



Kate Moss
Junior
Field Hockey #2

Hometown: Auburn
Major: Biology
Being a WSC Athlete: I love playing field hockey here at Westfield. My team and coaches are awesome. Playing a college sport really impacts your life and I'm psyched to be apart of the field hockey team!

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Cassel good enough for playoff birth?

CRAIG NARDINI
SPORTS REPORTER

By now every fan in New England knows the controversy at quarterback for the Patriots. Tom Brady is out for the year with a torn ACL and MCL and will not return for a minimum of six months. Matt Cassel steps into his spot with experience as far away as Brady's return. Yes, we all know the story of Cassel, he has not started since high school and is a career back up through the collegiate and professional ranks.

With only 39 attempts ever thrown in the NFL until this year, there is a legitimate reason for concern that the Patriots will not make it to the Super Bowl, or even the playoffs. However, there are two ways to contemplate about the situation. One is that Bill

Belichick, being the mastermind that he is, saw something in Cassel to want to keep him around instead of bringing in a veteran backup to learn the system. Second maybe the cost cutting of keeping an inexperienced quarterback to keep with in the salary cap will finally come back to hurt the team.

Judging from the first game and a half he has played in he is about an average player that has great talent around him. The mission for Cassel is to not try to win or lose the game, rather keep with in the system and do not throw interceptions or turn the ball over. This was evident in week two against the Jets; Cassel very

rarely threw the ball over 15 yards and fell in love with Wes Walker. Screen passes and little five yard slant routes ruled the

with throwing long, but as for now keep the chances for mistakes low and stay safe.

However, he did look confused at times but that is suspected for someone who has not started in nine years. His numbers were not great but conservatively safe with 16 completions and 165 yards, and most importantly, no picks.

With the Dolphins and the 49ers up next, I see no reason for the Patriots to begin the season at 4-0. With Buffalo emerging as a good team in the East and the Jets and Dolphins still below the Patriots even without Tom Brady they could still win the East. Games

against the Steelers, Colts, Broncos, and Chargers will be extremely tough and could end in losses.

Overall the Patriots are a team that could end up anywhere from 8-8 to a 10-6 team. I am going to go on the high end and say the Patriots are going to be a 10-6 team and win the East.

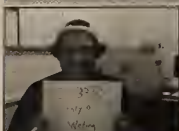
The Patriots will not win the Super Bowl with Cassel, but they defiantly will make the playoffs with him. A strong team defense, that hopefully does not get torched by the run or get worn down due to the old age by the end of the season, will propel the Patriots into the post season. Also, there is one good thing about Matt Cassel, he's not Drew Bledsoe.



game, also minimizing the chance of an interception being thrown. As a result of this Randy Moss was limited to only two receptions for 22 yards.

As time goes on he may become more comfortable

Editors and the Jerk Round Table



Matthew Castonguay
A.K.A The Jerk

Who would play Henry Wefing in a movie?

Andre the Giant

Two favorite bands?

Band-aids and rubber bands

Favorite Bob Dylan song?

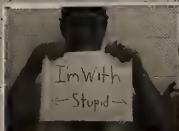
Hurricane

Favorite book?

The Basics of Journalism

Favorite insult?

Elock head



JEFF DALE

Who would play Henry Wefing in a movie?

Michael Childis

Two favorite bands?

Thursday and Rise Against

Favorite Bob Dylan song?

Umm Free Bird?...

Favorite book?

Moneyball

Favorite insult?

Doodoo face



COLBY HENDERSON

Who would play Henry Wefing in a movie?

John Malkovich

Two favorite bands?

The Who and Tom Petty

Favorite Bob Dylan song?

Stuck inside of Mobile

Favorite book?

Catcher and the Rye

Favorite insult?

Stupid pants

Freshmen!!!

Time to Vote for your Class Council!

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Go to Web for Students, then Student Services and Resources.

Once you sign in the ballot will pop up.

You are able to read biographies of the candidates by either clicking on the link next to their name, or by a link found on the SGA website:

[http://www.wsc.ma.edu/Current%20Students/Student Government Association/index.html](http://www.wsc.ma.edu/Current%20Students/Student%20Government/Association/index.html)

Click on the link Freshmen Elections on the left side menu.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact Barbara Hand, LeeAnn Thompson or Eileen Foyle at x 5429 or by e-mailing execsec.sga@wsc.ma.edu

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Submissions may be dropped off at: The Voice office in Ely Campus Center, room C-248, no later than 6 p.m. on the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Your Weekly Horoscope

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

Your week is intended to cause you to get things done. It will be very easy for the negativity of others to turn your mood or attitude dark, but you cannot allow that to happen. Pay close attention to the details because it's likely you'll face challenges to your finances and material possessions.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

Your greatest asset this week is your ability to be yourself regardless of the place or circumstances of your life. You'll face difficult personal challenges, but as long as you stand tall, there is nothing that can harm you. Share your ideas and dreams with others and show them how they can help you succeed.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

There's an element of your chart that causes you to be ultra-sensitive to the words, actions and even the thoughts and feelings of others. Get as much rest as possible to recharge.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

The universe is trying to get a message through to you. That means it will usually come from the most unlikely person at the most unlikely time. Find a way to keep the energy light so others feel more comfortable opening up to you.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

Your chart continues to be golden and this week it's even in a stronger and better position than usual. It adds a greater insight and understanding into what's likely to happen in the near future. That gives you the time needed to take advantage of the insights you're receiving.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

You are now being given the green light to move forward toward your hopes, dreams and wishes. You can expect to face some upcoming challenges that can cause you to question yourself and your abilities. The real deal is that you must believe in yourself and keep moving forward.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

Things are not always as they appear. That is the wisdom you need to keep in mind all week long. With a chart like this, very often others can distort the facts in order for you to think or feel in a certain way. Listen closely but resist jumping to conclusions.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

This week's energy focuses very closely upon the financial elements of your life. Transits like this cause others to reveal their true colors. The challenges you face will surely tell who stands with you and who is just going along for the ride.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 23)

The astrological energy is definitely turning in your favor and realistically, you should try to do everything in your power to push yourself to the limit. This is the time to take on a greater leadership role or position. Time to shine!

Libra

(September 24 - October 23)

Your current chart brings with it a reminder to remain humble because there's much more to learn and discover. It's chart energy like this that often leads to travel or life experiences that open your mind to new ideas and possibilities. Your challenge is to lead, inspire and motivate others to bring out the best from within themselves.

Scorpio

(October 24 - November 22)

It's very important this week to remain awake and aware of what effect your words and actions can have upon others. By properly directing this energy toward positive projects or tasks make it possible to accomplish even the most difficult tasks with least amount of effort.

Sagittarius

(November 23 - December 23)

This week's chart energy will emphasize your relationships and interaction with others. You'll learn new information about someone that can both shock and rattle your awareness, but keep in mind everything you hear is not always true.

*Horoscopes by www.weeklyhoroscope.com

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CRYPTOQUOTES

Here's an example of how to work it:

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One letter stands for another. In the above example, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Similar letters are automatically filled in.

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Psyche of a Senior by Angelica Bunting



Thumbs Up / Thumbs Down



Matt Nathanson this weekend



New Facebook sucks

Fri 9/19	Recreational Swimming 6:30a.m. to 8:00p.m. Pool	Red Sox vs. Bluejays 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Ely Main Lounge	Rain Date Foam Dance Party 9:00 p.m. 11:00 p.m. Campus Green
Sat 9/20	Matt Nathanson 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. Green	Red Sox vs. Bluehays 1:00p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Ely Main Lounge	Field Hockey vs. Salem State 3:30p.m. to 8:00p.m. Turf
Sun 9/21	Catholic Mass 12:00p.m. to 1:00p.m. Interfaith Center	Red Sox vs. Bluejays 1:00p.m. to 3:00p.m. Ely Main Lounge	CCWB: Board Games 6:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Ely Main Lounge
Mon 9/22	Recreational Swimming 6:30a.m. to 8:00a.m. Pool	Pilates 12:15p.m. to 1:00p.m. Wellness Center	Monday Night Jazz 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Ely Main Lounge
Tue 9/23	Disney Presentation 3:30p.m. to 6:00p.m. Scanlon Banquet Hall	Rock Climbing 6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Rock Wall	Mens Soccer vs. Elms 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Turf
Wed 9/24	Recreational Swimming 6:30a.m. to 8:0a.m. Pool	Catholic Mass 4:00p.m. to 4:30p.m. Interfaith Center	Rock Wall Climbing 6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Rock Wall
Thu 9/25	Class Of 2009 Meeting 5:30p.m. to 7:00p.m. SGA Conf. Room	Rock Climbing 6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Rock Wall	Westfield Voice Meeting 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. Ely 242

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Dining Commons

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-8:00p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 8:00a.m.-1:30p.m. & 4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.
*Cyber Cafe located in the Dining Commons is open 24 hours with limited self service

Subway

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Saturday 12:00p.m.-11:00p.m.
Sunday 12:30p.m.-11:00p.m.

Dunkin Donuts

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Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 7:00a.m.-12:30a.m.

Quixotes

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Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

Jazzman's Cafe

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Saturday 12:00p.m.-11:00p.m.
Sunday 1:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

Pandini's

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Pub

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Garden Cafe

Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

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Saturday 11:00a.m.-3:00p.m.
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WSC Student of the Week



Stats:

Timothy Verrochi, 21, Senior
from Mansfield, MA

Major:

GARP

If you could have any
super power what
would it be?

Breathe fire so I can light
shit up

If you could change
one thing about the
campus what would it
be?

More parking in Main Lot

If you had to eat one
meal for the rest of
your life what would it
be?

Chicken Cordon Bleu

What do you want to
be when you grow up?

President

If you could sleep with
anybody in the world,
alive or dead, who
would it be?

Ahi Titmuss

Matt Nathanson Performs at Westfield State College

MOLLY COYLE
MANAGING EDITOR

On Saturday around two hundred students gathered on the lawn to listen to the music of Matt Nathanson, a musician from Lexington, Mass.

To start the show at 1 were Westfield's own, sophomores Rachael Balcanoff, and Brittany Costa, with their friend Greg Geoff. Balcanoff sang, Costa sang and played the ukulele, and Geoff on acoustic electric.

The three played a combination of covers and a few originals, including, "Purchase You a Beverage," and "Penetration." Both songs consisted of music that was laid back and sunny, and harmonies that floated on the air, and lyrics that were laughable along the lines of Flight of the Concorde. Their musicianship however, was nothing to laugh at. Both Balcanoff's distinctive jazzy higher notes and Costa's

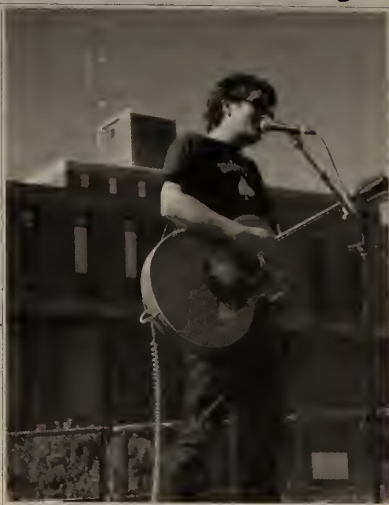
lower, solid, smooth voice blended beautifully. The three played to a smaller crowd but managed to get them going and received enthusiastic applause at the end.

To follow the trio was The Roadhouse Band: a group of four men who played covers and a few originals. They had a southern rock feel with a little twist of blues. Many of their originals consisted of that standard singable blues format. The lead singer and rhythm guitarist, Steve Piper had a raspy voice that sounded a little like Joe Cocker but easier to understand. The four played to a few more audience members but the crowd wasn't quite as animated about music that their parents probably grew up listening to.

Nathanson took the stage around 2:15 and gradually people started to come out of their dorms to join the crowd on the green.

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Matt Nathanson performed Sunday afternoon on the Campus Green.
- photo by Hugh Mully

Dobelle backs faculty and staff at picket



Faculty & Staff march in front of Woodward during their picket Monday morning.

- photo by David Morris Reed

ANDREW JOHNSON
VOICE REPORTER

If you were walking through the campus green on your way to class Monday morning, you may have noticed one of your professors holding up a sign shouting, along with other colleagues gathered around the Arno Maris globe. This was because 150 or so Westfield State College

professors and staff formed a picket line to call attention to the stalled contract negotiations with the Board of Higher Education.

As of right now the professors here at Westfield as well as ALL Massachusetts state colleges including Mass College of Liberal Arts in North Adams, Mass Art in Boston and Mass

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DC vandalized three times over weekend

KRISTIN SHERWOOD
VOICE REPORTER

Little fruit flies hovered over counters dripping with juice, \$80 platters were broken. The soft serve machine was missing pieces. Those are just a few of the damages that the Dining Commons workers had to deal with on three different mornings over one week-

end. Barely two weeks after the DC had been open 24 hours a day, students had already vandalized it. According to a DC supervisor, Remy Paradis, the damage in the DC was excessive.

Paradis explained how students had created a fire hazard by turning on the soup wells and climbing underneath the counters to plug in the toasters and heat them up. The students had also glued posters to the

tables, thrown trash around, broken salt shakers, and stolen milk from its container. Because of this theft, Paradis said the DC had to purchase new locks for the milk machines. But they didn't stop there.

Students had smeared coffee grounds on the walls and even tore off the counter of the cereal bar.

Paradis said that it takes an hour to come in and clean up the mess that students have made.

"I hate it when one person can ruin it for everyone," Paradis said.

This sentiment was echoed by the Chief of WSC Police, Michael Nockunas.

"It's sad," Chief Nockunas said, "this is to benefit all students and they ruin it for everybody else."

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COYLE CONTINUED

Right from the get-go, Nathanson established a kind of rapport with his audience, saying to them, "Are you guys ok standing? I'm not going to rock you that f***ing hard."

Playing a combination of newer songs from his album *Some Mad Hope* (like "Come On Get Higher," and "Car Crash"), and older songs like "Miracles" from his 1997 album *Emst*.

Between songs Nathanson managed to interject plenty of anecdotes for the audience talking about everything from his crazy family to "man-scaping" and just about everything in between, making the audience laugh every time. He managed to segue into songs with chords that were similar to his

own songs. He touched on the Bee Gees' "Staying Alive," Rick Springfield's "Jesse's Girl," and Kelly Clarkson's, "Since U Been Gone," to name a few. The audience was happy to join in with the singing as well.

Nathanson, with a voice that's vaguely reminiscence of Pat Monahan (lead singer of Train), sounded just like he does on his CDs and was a great live performer. He wrapped up the show with his cover of the song, "Laid," from the movie, *American Wedding*, which he joked was up for an Oscar and is ranked up there with *The Godfather*.

During an interview beforehand, Nathanson cited U2 as his favorite band but said that he was very heavily influenced by the female folk movement of the late 80's, early 90's.

"I'm a wanton woman for the rock and roll," Nathanson

said.

When asked if he could meet any celebrity, dead or alive, who would it be, he replied that he would rather meet Barack Obama or the Dalai Lama.

"I get to meet all my heroes doing this but they don't really impart any wisdom. I feel like great politicians or great thinkers, that's pretty exciting sh*t."

With a crowd of around two hundred students, more than for Howie Day last semester, it makes you wonder who President Dobbelle is going to pull out of his hat for Spring Weekend this year, and if he'll continue to have random concert weekends in the future.

SHERWOOD CONTINUED...

When asked about the role of the police in dealing with the damage, he said that when the damage is reported to the police, an officer conducts an investigation, followed by a report. Chief Nockunas said that over \$250 of damage per night was reported. The truth is that the \$750 comes out of Sodexho's pocket; they either have to pay for it or make a claim to insurance. Either way, it's an inconvenience to them. Why should Sodexho be responsible for the actions of a few who abused the privilege?

Okay, so maybe the students don't love Sodexho's food, but vandalizing the DC

is not a good way to voice that opinion.

Although the campus police has not made any arrests, Chief Nockunas encouraged students to call them if they see others damaging the DC. Hopefully, the vandalism is over now.

The Chief said that campus police will add extra patrols to keep an eye on the activity there. If students want to have their doughnuts and coffee at 1 a.m., maybe they should think twice about vandalism and theft.

If they want the DC to stay open 24 hours day, then the students will have to respect it more and hopefully the actions of a few won't change the night-time hang-out.

JOHNSON CONTINUED...

Maritime Academy in Buzzards Bay, are paid an average of 10 to 22 percent less than faculty at peer institutions.

The contracts between the state Board of Higher Education and the Massachusetts State College Association, which represents the faculty, expired on June 30. The contract with the Association of Professional Administrators expired in December.

By law the state has to submit any salary proposals after eight months of negotiations. Bargaining began back in February but the Board of Higher Education declined to

Patrick's refusal to give the state Board of Higher Education the financial parameters it needs to negotiate a contract with the unions." He went on to say, "For a vibrant economy, the state colleges need to be competitive in salaries and benefits. They aren't now and the governor knows this. It is time for him to put resources behind his rhetoric," Haar said.

President Dobbelle made an appearance at this event to show his support. He called the administration's failure to engage in bargaining "insulting." He also made it clear that he will not let faculty stand alone. "They are not asking any favors or any concessions. In return they are being met with a cavalier indifference to the dignity of



More professors and staff marching Monday morning in front of Wilson and Baies.

- photo by David Harris Reed



Staff member shows her frustration with Governor Deval Patrick.

- Photo by David Harris Reed

make an offer on salary and benefits, claiming that it is waiting for financial parameters from the governor Patrick's office.

Professor Ken Haar, Westfield's chapter president of the Massachusetts State College Association, addressed his coworkers on the green with a powerful speech, calling out the governor saying, "If we are the engine of this state's prosperity, fuel that engine, bargain in good faith, invest in public higher education, for our faculty and staff who make the engine run."

Haar also stated, "We will protest Governor Deval

public higher education," he said.

After the speeches addressed to assembly on the

green were finished, the professors took it to the streets! The protest continued with a "visibility march", made up of the faculty and staff, President Dobbelle, and APA members, who all walked with signs in hand, down to 333 then back to Parenzo Hall where it concluded.

WBZ'S TALK THE VOTE SERIES WITH DAN REA

Westfield State College

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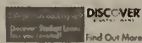
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The Angry Liberal

MOLLY COYLE
MANAGING EDITOR

In the past two weeks I've been talking (or ranting at some points) about McCain, Palin, and Obama, but what about Joe Biden? I realized that I haven't even mentioned his name in my past two columns and that really saddens me because, I've been rooting for him since the beginning. In fact, I wish he were the one running for president instead of Obama, but hey, vice president is nothing to sneeze at!

Biden, the state senator for Delaware, has been part of the senate for thirty-six years. Now I know that sounds like he wouldn't be able to contribute much to the "change" component that Obama is basing his campaign on, but Biden has never really considered himself, or been considered by others, to be an "insider." An example of this is Biden's bus commute from Wilmington, RI to Washington DC when the Senate is in session. Now, anyone who watched the news when Biden was announced as Obama's VP choice back in August is probably sick to death of hearing about that, but I think that it speaks volumes about his priorities. Many senators have another

house in Washington to stay at when Senate is in session, but Biden has said that he makes this commute to be able to spend more time with his family.

In addition to his family man image, Biden also has more experience in pretty much every field than Palin, Obama and even McCain. As Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Biden has real foreign relations experience, even if he can't see Russia from his house. During his work with this committee too it has been widely known that he has worked with Democrats and Republicans alike, which I believe will be a key issue among all voters when it comes time for this election.

It is true that he's known for not really thinking before he speaks and making comments out of turn but I think it better to have a politician say what they're really

When it comes to the issues Joe Biden is pro-life, against gay marriage (but doesn't want a constitutional amendment banning it), and wants to pull our focus off of Iraq and more toward Afghanistan. His voting record is consistent and he has fought for the rights of minorities and women for the duration of his career in the Senate. He also feels very

strongly that both the health care and education systems are in need of serious reform. He's for the fence along the Mexican border and against driver's licenses for illegal immigrants, but also wants to provide a path to citizenship for those already in our country.

Obama was very wise to pick Biden as his VP. Biden's experience helps to add to Obama's lack, and his blue collar background can speak to lower income voters who may have seen Obama as an "elitist" before.

The debates begin on Friday, September 26 when the first presidential debate will take place in Mississippi. The vice presidential debate will take place on Thursday October 2nd in St. Louis, Missouri. Be sure to watch to make sure that you're making an informed decision in November. In the mean time, be sure to register and watch the news. This is an exciting time in our history. Make sure you're a part of it.

Whether you agree with me or not I welcome your comments. So send me feedback at: wscangryliberal@gmail.com. Please include your name and note that anything you write is subject to being published.

Just Sex with Lauren Mattos



Hello sexy kittens, this week's article is about abstinence. HAHA kidding! Now let me just prepare you; this week is about oral sex. Are you blushing? Are you offended? If so, you may read another article or perhaps you can just get over yourself! Wow, that felt good. Thanks readers, I always need to take out my aggression in some way.

I chose this topic because I find that it tends to be a tricky area, as many have very strong opinions and quirks about all aspects relating to oral sex, such as

grooming, reciprocity, power, techniques, and all that fun stuff. The strongest opinions were mainly about grooming and the mutuality of the act, all which varied greatly. Oral sex generally tends to be a large part of intimacy, and as my friend Erik so succinctly puts it, "a skill that can separate the men from the boys." Well put.

Grooming...how awkward. It takes some serious balls (or labia majora) to tell someone that their downstairs situation is unacceptable. The popular notion is that men like their ladies bare-down-there. Although it is popular, I've had a lot input from men who say that grooming does not matter, it's really just all about hygienic upkeep. I had many gals on the bulletins bring up the double standard of shaving, which is if the boys expect us to go bare, then what's to stop us from telling you the same? One lovely lady on the board, I'll

call her "Alex", shared her ideas on grooming "There are some guys out there who don't mind if you slack on grooming. I think what really matters, is finding someone who respects what you might find to be more comfortable or beautiful. No girl should EVER have to shave because her boyfriend wants to; she should shave because SHE wants to. Trying too hard to impress just isn't healthy on any level." There you have it, gentlemen. Respect what your lady wants to do with her body. There is nothing wrong with gentle suggestions, however if she refuses, then there is no need to push the issue.

When it comes to reciprocity, the general consensus seemed to be that is must always be equal, a lovely give-and-take scenario. Unfortunately, this isn't always the case, as there are many women out there that are too self-conscious to receive, or the other partner is only expect-

ing to receive and not give. This should never be the case, if you are with a serious partner, you should always feel comfortable one hundred percent of the time, and not always expect to be the one receiving. Gentlemen, you should always make an effort to ensure your gal's comfort! A sexy and sassy female reader gave me good insight on the comfort issue: "Comfort is of utmost importance. I know some girls find it demeaning, but I think that's really more an issue of how your guy treats you...and hell, if that's an issue, I'm not even thinking about giving that treat." Thank you lady, you cut right to the core. A popular notion is that men are all about the receiving and want nothing to do with the giving. Although I know those cretins exist in this universe, from what I gather this seems to be largely untrue. From what I have been seeing on the bulletins, a lot of the men expressed that they

enjoy giving or even prefer it to receiving. One sexy male reader said that he finds it "imperative for the woman's pleasure to get down there," while another male reader had a quite interesting perspective: "In regards to receiving, it isn't that my partners have been substantial, it's just that I quite often feel useless and vulnerable. I'd much rather have something to do while she lies back with her eyes closed than the reversal." Lovely.

Well experts, that's it for this week. Remember to join the Facebook group called "JUST SEX @ THE VOICE" so you can voice your opinions! Next week's article is going to be cheating in relationships, so make sure to let us know what you think! As usual, wrap it up, be safe, and Happy Sexing!

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EDITOR'S DESK



Omg omg omg. My first editor's desk! This is so thrilling. I want to thank my mom, my dad, my sisters...

But seriously, I insisted on Jeff and Colby giving me an Editor's Desk this week, because I want to get a few things off my chest. I also want the fame and glory that having an Editor's Desk plastered all over The Westfield Voice will bring me.

I went to The Pub when it opened on Friday and was like, super journalism woman. Unfortunately I deleted all of the pictures I took and my voice recorder broke. What the eff. But one thing I didn't forget was the fact that the bartenders, and the police officer stationed at the door were reluctant to give me any info about the bar.

"We were told not to talk to the press."

I went all first-amendment on their ass and then they talked, but how ridiculous is that?! Doesn't matter much now because the interviews are gone into broken voice recorder oblivion.

Oh, gotta give my man Travis Barker a shout out. I love you Travis! If I prayed I'd certainly be praying for you. You too, DJ AM.

Andddd what else. Oh yeah, go to my website www.buntology.com!

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Harmonix returns to stage for an encore with Rock Band 2

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Harmonix has yet again struck gold with the sequel to their triple-platinum plastic instrument simulation game, Rock Band. Rock Band 2 was released to stores on September 14th and is packed with a diverse setlist of 84 songs, bound to please music fans of both the mainstream and obscure spectrums.



The first impression I got when playing this game was that it felt like a giant expansion pack rather than a whole new game. After playing through the game a bit, I can say there is more than meets the eye. For those who are unfamiliar with the original Rock Band, it is a music simulation game by the makers of Frequency, Amplitude, and the original Guitar Hero series. Using the already successful formula of Guitar Hero, Rock Band gives players the choice of playing either guitar or bass, matching up the falling notes with the frets on a plastic guitar controller. Unlike Guitar Hero, players can also have the option of either playing drums with a color-coded drum kit, or singing vocals through a USB microphone.

This game will appeal to anyone, really. If you aren't into playing 'fake' instruments,

you can always take the vocal route and sing any of the 84 (or more) songs, which span across many genres and decades. With bands including The Guess Who, Disturbed, Dream Theater, Fleetwood Mac, and Rise Against, there is a song for everyone. You would have to live under a rock to not know at least ten or twenty of the songs in the game. Rock Band 2 is bound to be a hit at any social gathering, and is even better than last year's Rock Band (1).

be a lot of fun.

There are also new ways to enjoy playing these songs. Band World Tour is now online-capable and supports solo play. There are drum fill and drum beat trainers to help hone your drumming skills, and a freestyle mode that lets you use the drum kit like an electronic drum kit; drumming along against any MP3 you have on your Xbox hard drive. However, when I tried it, it seemed to lag a bit. I am no drummer; I can

Actually, at first glance, Rock Band 2 is identical to Rock Band. The core gameplay has stayed the same, but the few additions are major ones. Rock Band 2 is reverse compatible with Rock Band's downloadable content, and they offer the ability to extract all but three of the songs from the Rock Band game disc (Xbox 360 users, only, so far) for seamless integration in Rock Band 2. Harmonix promises that there will be 500 songs available for download by the end of the year, so there is plenty to choose from.

With so many songs, however, there are bound to be a few that are flat-out boring on certain instruments. Bob Dylan's 'Tangled Up in Blue' on guitar has a tedious, sleep-inducing note chart, but it is rated 'nightmare' on vocals. So, if you can't understand why a certain song is in the game, try it on another instrument and it might

keep a basic rhythm, but I kept falling off of the beat because the response time between the peripheral and the game was not fast enough.

Neversoft plans to adopt Rock Band's winning formula when Guitar Hero: World Tour is released in November. World Tour will add drums and vocals to the Guitar Hero franchise, with gameplay relatively identical to that of Rock Band. I don't feel that it will matter which game is 'better.' What matters is there is healthy competition between the two games and it will only result in more downloadable content being released, and better game improvements. Unlike games like Madden, there is no monopoly on an entire genre, so each new major release feels fresh, as the developers will try to out-do each other's releases.

EDITOR'S DESK



Fall is in the air, and you know what that means? Soxtober baby! I am very excited for these playoffs, but I know how some people gripe about me talking sports in this little box. You'll have bare with me this week.

I am pumped because right after the Sox clinched and Jonathan Papelbon started throwing haymakers like it was a mosh pit, I couldn't help myself. I kept seeing NESN cut to Tom Warner and Larry Lucchino and them smiling. You know deep down they're thinking please don't get drunk like last year Paps. Paps kept it tame, as he did not "do da dance" as Matt puts it, but I'm glad. Sure they still had champagne and a lot of the younger guys probably got wasted, but they seemed calm. Calm like "hey guys, we've been here before."

Anybody who doubts them is in for a surprise as well. This team is obviously a different team and is not as good as last years, but they got last years swagger.

In the playoffs sometimes thats all you need.

And don't forget, to be the champs, ya gotta beat the champs.

Until next week... Peace everybody...

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The freshman experience

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VOICE COLUMNIST

So I'm one of those people who had my stuff packed and re-packed five times, piled in the middle of my living room floor, just waiting to come to college. CDs, packed. Movies, packed. All the while my dad was stressing out over my lack of a microwave for our room. He was more worked up about it than me, considering I was not worked up about said microwave situation at all. He was devastated that I wouldn't be able to make popcorn.

Needless to say, I've managed to live so far.

So I'm Mary. Hi. Welcome to college.

I'm not sure how your moving-in experiences went, but I know mine was pretty interesting. For one thing, I wasn't exactly aware of the existence of the elevator in my building, which led to a lot of dragging of heavy plastic bins up three flights of stairs. Once all of our stuff was actually in our room, my roommates and I decided

that it would be a good idea to move all of the furniture, and so it was necessary to move all of our stuff back out of the room. And then move it back in. And then move it around.

And then unpack it, of course, which eventually involved my parents bringing back home all of the ridiculous, unnecessary things I had for some reason felt compelled to pack, apparently not keeping in mind the fact that dorm rooms are about the size of a large closet.

I'm not going to lie to you, I was one of those people who'd never been away from home for any significant period of time. So stepping into college life was pretty much like stepping into a foreign country. It's certainly nothing like the college experience you see in movies, that's for sure. But I'm finally beginning to get into the swing of things here. I really like it here at Westfield State. And you know what? It's already starting to feel like home.

Here's to a great freshman year.

Presidential Investiture of Evan S. Dohelle



Arlo Guthrie to
perform
Saturday, Sept.
27 in Woodward



EDITOR'S DESK



As you can see to my right, Arlo Guthrie is performing at WSC this coming weekend and it should be a good time. I don't know much about Arlo except for the fact that his father, Woody Guthrie, was one of the biggest inspirations for one of my favorite musicians of all time, Bob Dylan. If you get a chance, check out Arlo's "Alice's Restaurant," which is considered his most famous work.

Also, it seemed as if a good amount of students were able to check out the new bar on campus this past weekend. I was in there Friday night and it seemed to be a pretty nice alternative to Tommy D's except it could've used some music and maybe some cheaper drinks but hey you can't beat that short walk back to your dorm when you're drunk, right?

Anyways, check out Arlo and have a good family weekend. Make sure to cure the hangover before your parents get here on Saturday, otherwise that could get ugly.

My song of the week: State Radio, "Right Me Up"

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Arlo Guthrie to perform at WSC investiture of President Dobelle

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Two traditional college events, Family Day and Senior Convocation, will be combined with the Presidential Investiture of Evan S. Dobelle as the 19th president of Westfield State College on Saturday, Sept. 27, in the Woodward Center. Ceremonies will include a performance by songwriter and musician Arlo Guthrie.

The Convocation and investiture are scheduled from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the campus green. Guthrie's performance is part of The Westfield State College Foundation Speaker Series, which is free and open to the public. A reception at 1 p.m. will follow the ceremonies and concert.

Guthrie, eldest son of singer Woody Guthrie, became an icon of the 1960s after the release of the movie, *Alice's Restaurant*, featuring his title song. Guthrie will receive an honorary Doctor of Music degree.

Three guest speakers at the Investiture also will receive honorary degrees. They are John Brademas, president emeritus of New York University and a congressman from Indiana for 22 years; Peter Gomes, Baptist minister at The Memorial Church/Harvard and a member of Harvard University faculty; and State Sen. Joan M. Menard (D-Fall River), chair of the New England Board of Higher Education.

Brademas will receive a Doctor of Laws degree. Gomes will receive a Doctor of Humanities degree and Menard will receive a Doctor of Public Service degree.

"I am very grateful that Arlo Guthrie, John Brademas, Peter Gomes and Sen. Menard are able to join us, not only for the investiture, but for a day that

celebrates our students and their families, as well," Dobelle said. "I have greatly enjoyed becoming part of both the college and Westfield communities and look forward to more exciting improvements and partnerships in the months ahead."

Family Day events for families of students include brunch in the Dining Commons, and several student-run games and activities for family members of all ages, and entertainment in the Ely Campus Center.

The day also includes two sports events. The Owls football team will play the U.S. Coast Guard Academy at 1:30

established The Guthrie Center. Named for his parents, center is a not-for-profit interfaith church foundation dedicated to providing a wide range of local and international services. The Guthrie Foundation is a separate not-for-profit educational organization that addresses issues such as the environment, health care, cultural preservation and educational exchange.

Dobelle began his new position at Westfield State in January. The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education unanimously approved Dobelle as president, after the college selected him from an initial pool of 140 applicants. He was previously president and CEO of the New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE).

Dobelle previously served as president of Middlesex Community College in Massachusetts, City College of San Francisco, Trinity College in Hartford and the University of Hawaii system. He has bachelor's and master's degrees, as well as an Ed.D. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, as well as his MPA from Harvard.

Before his career in education, Dobelle was mayor of Pittsfield from 1973 to 1976. He was also treasurer and deputy chair of the Democratic National Committee and national chairman of the Carter-Mondale Presidential Exploratory Committee.

He was chief of protocol of the United States with the rank of ambassador in the late 70s. His state political career also included serving as commissioner of Environmental Management and Natural Resources and executive assistant to the former U.S. Sen. Edward W. Brooke (R-Massachusetts).



Arlo Guthrie to play Saturday.
-photo courtesy of Craig Phelon

p.m. on Alumni Field. The Owls field hockey team will face the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, at 6:30 p.m. Guthrie has continued as a force in both music and charitable works. Over the last four decades, he has toured throughout North America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia. In addition to his accomplishments as a musician, playing the piano, six and twelve-string guitar, harmonica and a dozen other instruments, Guthrie is a natural-born storyteller, whose tales and anecdotes figure prominently in his performances.

In 1991 Guthrie purchased the old Trinity Church in Great Barrington, where he

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Naia Kete - 7pm, \$20

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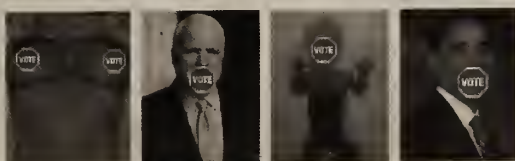
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WSC students & Road House Band



Sophomore Rachael Balcanoff, Greg Geoff, and sophomore Brittany Costa practice before their set.



Greg Geoff, Rachael Balcanoff and Brittany Costa playing Saturday on the green.



The Road House Band opening up for Matt Nathanson.



The Road House Band continues its set.



Fans watching the concert on a beautiful Saturday afternoon.



Fans wait in anticipation of Matt Nathanson to take the stage.

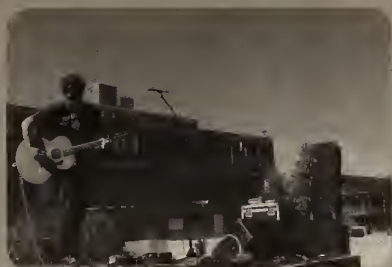
Matt Nathanson Concert



Matt Nathanson signing an autograph for a fan.



Matt Nathanson backstage before the concert.



Nathanson playing on campus green Saturday afternoon.



Nathanson tuning his guitar before set.



Nathanson singing at his concert Saturday afternoon on the green.



Nathanson looking at his set list between songs.

Photos courtesy of Hugh Mailly

FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

It's weeks like this that make me miss the likes of Jose Canseco, Maurice Clarett, Pacman Jones, and other journalistic cannon fodder (or as I call them, train wrecks) who aren't out doing things like making it rain, peddling steroids or leading Ohio police on a high speed chase with a Hatchet in their trunk. I mean, I could write about my new favorite player Ronnie Brown or about how nice it'll be to finally see The Juice get squeezed (hahaha, get it? The Juice? Get Squeezed? Tehehe) all be it for something less than first degree murder but then I thought, why not get back to some of the mail you readers have been (not so) diligently sending me over the past few weeks. Keep in mind, when you send me these things, you should expect they'll be printed, so, to avoid ending up at the end of a verbal (or written) lashing by me, please try to edit your emails so it doesn't feel like I'm reading a drunk text message. That's you, Bro-dude. Also, his real name isn't Bro-dude, as I will never use you're actual

name. Everything is done in confidentiality, besides, it's not my place to embarrass you in print, as I'm sure some of you people do every time you turn in academic work. Let the games begin!

Our first contest I've lovingly named Superfan, since he sent me the first real fan mail I've ever received, (dces Shawn Merriman "lights out" -dances) thus breaking my fan mail cherry.

Superfan, Davis Hall – "Hey! I just wanted to let you know I think you're doing a great job. The stuff you write is funny as hell. Keep up the work. Peace!"

Ah, I can feel my head getting bigger already! Good thing I'm wearing a one-size-fits all Giants cap! Actually, to my surprise, this wasn't my only piece of fan mail. There were four, count 'em, four fan mails. Five were discussion topics (I chose the most pertinent to discuss here) one was from a girl I went to high school with and two were pretty hateful. Then there was this masterpiece

from the aforementioned "Bro-dude."

"Bro-dude", New Hall – "Dude? bro how can u hate the pats???? And live in mass? Bro seriously, its ridic how stupid u are about this. And how can u like peyton manning?? U want to suck his (popsicle) or something? Dude, seriously. U gotta move pats country doesn't need u here brady is a god and so isn't belichick. The man is a genius (their spelling, not mine) and if u don't appreciate u should move."

Well, upon reading this, I thought I had something that disproved the theory evolution because obviously, this knuckle-dragging slob didn't evolve. Either that, or after a night at Tommy D's, got a hold of my articles, got mad, found a computer and misplaced some rage in the form of pounding his knuckles into a key board and this was the result. First off, bro, can I call you Bro? Ok, Bro, enough with that gosh damn word. And while you're at it, spell out the word "You." And use a spell checker. And try put-

ting in a couple of those things your girlfriend has once a month, you know, the p-word. And don't start every flippin sentence with "and." This isn't a first grade paper about the Pilgrims landing at Plymouth. If you're going to bring it, bring it. Seriously, simple jack, congratulations on reaching a new low for mankind.

Jeterfan2, Lammers – "Hey Matt! What do you think about Yankee Stadium closing? Personally, I loved seeing all the players back at the stadium one last time. What did you think?"

This is a great topic to discuss. Personally, I enjoyed the ceremonies. Growing up a Yankee fan, more importantly, a Tino Martinez fan, the Stadium was important to me and I was lucky enough to see it once. Not to be cliché, but it really, truly is a cathedral. I went when I was 12 and it is still one of my fondest memories. Just walking out to my seats and seeing the field laid out before me, it was just majestic. Being from around here, as anyone who has been to Fenway knows, we're blessed to

be able to go to Fenway so often. Like Yankee stadium, it too, is a cathedral. I've spoken to Sox fans who plan and save for one trip to Fenway a year and I've been 30 times, or so. Seeing Yankee stadium once was epic for me as a Baseball fan and seeing it go is certainly sad, and anyone who's a baseball fan I think would have to agree with me.

Girl-I-Apparently-Went-To-High-School-With, Davis Hall – "Omg! Matt!!!! I love your articles!! You're soooo funny! You should stop by sometime? LOL!"

Hmm, Lol, Indeed. Well, that's it for me this week. Now if you'll excuse me, I'm going to go on an overnight drunk, and in 10 days I'm going to set out to find the shark that ate my friend and destroy it. Anyone who wants to tag along is more than welcome. Please God, tell me some of you got that quote.

Curry cruises past Westfield, 42-16

MICKY CURTIS
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

MILTON, Mass. – Senior quarterback Ryan Van De Giesen (North Attleboro, MA) threw for three touchdowns and ran for another as Curry cruised past visiting Westfield State, 42-16. The Colonels captured their 33rd-consecutive victory against New England Football Conference (NEFC) rivals, and their 31st-consecutive victory at home.

In a battle of 2-0 teams, Curry led by only five points after two quarters, but outscored the Owls 21-0 in the second half.

The Colonels (3-0) jumped out to a quick 7-0 advantage when Van De Giesen hit junior wide receiver Jon Rodriguez (Leominster, MA) from 10 yards out at 12:59 of the opening frame. Westfield (2-1) responded with a pair of touchdowns and held a 13-7 edge after one quarter. Senior quarterback Dan Cohen (Wilbraham, MA) and junior wide receiver David Benoit (Ludlow, MA) connected on scoring passes of 11 and 16 yards.

Curry got a pair of

rushing touchdowns in the second frame to take the lead for good. The first came on a 12-yard romp by junior fullback John Sughrue (Fremont, NH), followed by a 2-yard keeper by Van De Giesen. Leading 21-13 with time expiring in the first half, the Colonels' defense stiffened at their own goal line, and with one second left before intermission, forced the Owls to settle for a 19-yard field goal from sophomore placekicker Chris Stengel (Forest Hill, MD).

The hosts were dominant after the break, keeping Westfield off the board and scoring 15 unanswered points.

Senior running back Joe Freeman (Lowell, MA) broke free for a 46-yard scoring run late in the third quarter. That was followed in quick succession by a 9-yard Van De Giesen pass to sophomore wide receiver Jon Chattman (Woonsocket, RI) that extended the Curry lead to 35-16 after three frames. The senior signal-caller capped off the day's scoring midway through the fourth quarter on a 38-yard pass to junior tight end Jeff Hibbard (Dedham, MA).

The Colonels' defense held the Owls to just 33 net rushing yards. Meanwhile, Curry rolled up 469 yards of total offense, compared with just 306

for the visitors.

Van De Giesen finished 11 of 18 for 187 and three TDs. He also rushed for 62 yards and a score. The Colonels' top rusher was Freeman, who had 108 yards on 13 carries. For Westfield, Cohen went 18-for-40 for 223 yards with two TDs and an interception. Benoit caught nine passes for 158 yards.

Defensively, Curry's effort was paced by junior linebacker Scott Driscoll (North Andover, MA), who had a team-best six tackles (all solo). As a team, the Colonels collected eight tackles for loss (-31 yards), including two sacks. The Owls were led by senior linebacker Jay Fielding (Methuen, MA), who notched a game-high nine tackles (all solo).

Westfield returns home next Saturday to host NEFC Bogan Division rival Coast Guard (1:30 p.m.), while Curry opens up NEFC Boyd Division play at home against Western New England College (12:00 p.m.).

Athlete Of The Week



Mike Thompson

Men's Soccer, #1

Goaltender

Class of 2009

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Major: Finance/Regional Planning

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Angels likely matchup for the Red Sox

CRAIG NARDINI
SPORTS REPORTER

It looks like the fairytale ride that is the Tampa Bay Rays is going to journey to an AL East crown and maybe even a deep run into the postseason. Not until Monday's 4-3 loss to the Cleveland Indians did I ever think that the Red Sox were not going to win the east. However, the inevitable drop off never occurred, the inexperience of the Rays showed but never broke, and once the lagging stock of the league are going to finish with a better record than both perennial powers that are the Red Sox and Yankees.

All this will leave the Sox with a wild card berth, which may spell out

the end of the season for the Boston faithful. The main reason for this is a team out west, that has bountiful and balanced pitching, hitting and solid defense. The Los Angeles Angels are that team and is a club that has the potential to come out of the American League in to the World Series. The past shows that the Sox have owned the Angels in the playoffs. We all remember Manny Ramirez in 2007 blasting a game winning, three run shot off of Francisco Rodriguez in game two of the ALDS, and we remember when David Ortiz in 2004 won the ALDS with a homerun to send the Sox to face the Yankees in the ALCS.

However, this year looks and feels different with the Angels winning seven of eight against the

Sox and doing it with hitting and pitching. The acquisition of Mark Teixeira fits nicely with a line up that already includes Torii Hunter, Chone Figgins, Vladimir Guerrero, and Garrett Anderson. They have five very solid starters that all have over 10 wins with a legitimate ace in John Lackey who is 12-4 with a 3.25 ERA. All of this after missing the first month of the season with an injury. The other starters consist of youngsters Jered Weaver and Joe Saunders, the veteran acquisition from the White Sox Jon Garland, and the rejuvenated Ervin Santana who is tied with Saunders for lead in wins on the staff with 16.

When I look at the matchup I would give the Sox the edge, because of experience and talent.

However, Josh Beckett has not looked like last years version of himself, their have been flashes but no consistency. Daisuke Matsuzaka has 18 wins and a 2.80 ERA but is lifted by the fifth or sixth inning because of his high pitch totals. Jon Lester has been a model of consistency and can be counted upon, but after those three it comes down to Paul Byrd and Tim Wakefield, both of whom a lot of people do not have supreme confidence in. The other big question is if Mike Lowell and J.D. Drew will both be ready to play buy next week because if not the offense is in trouble. Outside of the rotation, there is a monster that looms in the Angels bullpen that is being considered as an M.V.P candidate and broke the record

for most saves in a season. Francisco Rodriguez has accumulated 61 saves thus far, four more than Bobby Thigpen's record in 1990. He is lights out when on and hard to hit on any given night. If the game goes to the ninth with the Sox trailing, it is the beginning of the end. The Sox would have no problem against the White Sox or Twins, depending on who wins the central division, but the Angels will be tough and my feeling is we do not have enough this time around to get through them again. Too bad Curt Schilling isn't around to pitch in the postseason, the only time I want him around the team or anyplace he want to share his painstakingly annoying opinions on everything but himself.

Red Sox clinch playoff berth

TERESA DOLFFUSS
SPORTS REPORTER

The Red Sox are going to the postseason once again. With their 5-4 win over Cliff Lee and the Cleveland Indians this past Tuesday, they officially won the American League Wild Card.

Tim Wakefield managed to win the pitching duel with Indians' starter Cliff Lee to secure the Red Sox a place in the playoffs. While the Red Sox still have a chance to win the American League East, it could be difficult.

In order for the Red Sox to win the East, they would have to win all of their next 5 games, while Tampa Bay would have to go 1-4. Unfortunately, it is doubtful they will do so, but any way into the postseason is a good way. What makes this victory a little sweeter is that the Yankees are officially out of the postseason for the first time in 13 years.

All the Sox have to worry about now is their opponent in the American League Division Series. It is most likely that they will



Angels celebrate after Sox clinch playoffs Tuesday night.

- photo Boston.com

play the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, barring any miracle of them overtaking the Rays in the East.

The first game of the playoff series between the Red Sox and Angels would take place on either October 1st or October 2nd in Anaheim, depending on what the Angels choose. With the best record in baseball, the Angels have the right to choose if they want the schedule of Division Series A or B.

Either way Red Sox faithful will be keeping tabs on these games hoping for a repeat of last year's October magic. Hopefully the Sox can be the first back to World Series champions since the Yankees.

We'll find out soon enough!

A Conversation With Men's Soccer Coach Matt Noyes



What's it like to be a coach at Westfield State?

Westfield State is a great place to coach. Dick Lenfest and the rest of the Athletic's department staff are very helpful and create a comfortable and fun environment. All the coaches pull for one another and are very supportive. Our facilities are first rate and the trainers and equipment managers go above and beyond for all our players. They allow us to focus on building top programs. When recruits see our facility and meet our people they are immediately impressed.

Westfield State has legacy of great soccer teams dating back to the 1970's and 80's. It is our goal to restore that winning tradition and be able to compete at the top level.

What is your favorite part of Westfield State?

My favorite part of Westfield State is being able to work with so many young men. We strive to establish positive relationships with our players and to assist them on and off the field. We hope that some of the lessons they learn will help prepare them for the years to come.

A message to the students of Westfield State?

We would love to see the Westfield State student body become our "12th Man". The MASCAC will be very competitive this year and it would be great if the stands could be rockin' particularly for conference games.

For more information on Coach Noyes and the Men's Soccer Team visit the athletic website:

www.westfieldstateowls.com

Arno Maris Art Gallery to Open in Downtown Westfield

The Arno Maris Gallery at Westfield State College is under renovation with the rest of the Ely Campus Center. So the college is taking its art exhibits to downtown Westfield. A new exhibit, Past Presence, will feature the work of some prominent alumni artists in the Westfield State College Downtown Art Gallery in the historic Rinnova Building at 105 Elm St. from Sept. 23 to Oct. 31.

An artist reception is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Oct. 18. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday 2-5 p.m. aside from special posted openings, gallery talks, and events.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for the college to embrace the community and to offer a variety of cultural events throughout the year," Westfield State College President Evan S. Dobelle said. "It is our hope that the public will visit the gallery regularly, as well as become more involved in campus events."

The show will feature several accomplished artists. They include the late Nevartie Bedrossian, respected as a force in the abstract expressionist movement. The Springfield-born artist of Armenian descent was part of the Art Students League in New York City in the early

1950's, associated with such artists as Georgia O'Keeffe and Jackson Pollock. After graduating from then Westfield State Teachers College, she studied at the Massachusetts School of Art.

"Navartie Bedrossian is an icon of the abstract expressionist movement," said Faith Lund, gallery curator and a member of the college's Art Department faculty. "We're fortunate to be able to display her work, along with the work of other accomplished alumni artists."

Laura Jennings is an award-winning artist, exhibited nationally and included in prominent collections of Mary Higgins Clark, Bruce

Hornsby, Joan Lunden, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and Harvard University among others.

Also exhibiting will be Diane Savino, a tempera painter following techniques of the Italian Renaissance. Her exhibitions include the JFK Center, Washington D.C., World Financial Trade Center NYC, as well as publications in American Art Collector and American Artist Magazine among others.

Also, Roberta Wilson, an Indian Orchard-based artist, has exhibited extensively and her work is part of the Westfield State College permanent collection.

Brent Bean, director

of government and community relations for the college, said the downtown gallery is another step forward in the college and city relationship.

"The gallery will be a new and exciting addition to downtown," Bean said. "It shows the commitment Westfield State College has for the City of Westfield."

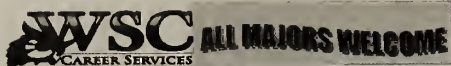
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Your Weekly Horoscope

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

Your chart indicates there are very powerful career and professional opportunities waiting to be discovered. However, it's only through your interactions with others that these opportunities can be realized. Think carefully how others will perceive and judge your words and actions.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

The big question will be when push comes to shove, will you adhere and act upon your core level beliefs or will you cave into the public opinion of others. Pay close attention to information obtained at the workplace while remaining personally quiet.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

Your week is designed to be light and fun. The romance potential with this chart energy offers incredible opportunities. The best part of this energy is that the more you do, the stronger and more energetic you'll feel.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

There is a lot going on in your chart this week and right off the bat you need to understand that this is no time to take others for granted, or to assume you know what they're thinking or feeling. As long as you remain alert and aware, you'll be protected from the astrological madness taking place in the Big Skies.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

You need to be very careful at the workplace because this week's chart energy can cause tensions and opposing forces to rise up to challenge your position, power or authority. Your main objective should be focused on making sure the lines of communication are open and that all opinions or options are being considered.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

You are in a very powerful financial position. That doesn't mean everything is going to be all peaches and cream in your life at the moment. In fact, most of the greatest opportunities will be contained within any of the financial or

material struggles you might encounter.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

The planet energy is favoring and enhancing your words and actions. Now more than ever, you need to be strong in yourself and your personal beliefs. You cannot allow yourself to cave into the whims, wants or desires of others.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

Your chart indicates that you need to take the time to check and verify the words and statements others are making. It's likely others are trying to manipulate your point of view with statements that might be untrue or invalid.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 23)

Consider this: If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always gotten. You can change some small details, but if you keep going about your life in the same old way, you cannot really expect anything to ever really change.

Libra

(September 24 - October 23)

This week's chart energy causes the attention of others to be directed squarely at you. Base your words and actions upon what's in the best interest of everybody and just watch how others almost instantly try to lift you up to a higher position of honor and trust.

Scorpio

(October 24 - November 22)

You can look at yourself so critically that often times, you won't even give yourself a chance to succeed; you demand nothing but perfection. But you'll have to find a way to get over this or everything you try to do can become frustrating.

Sagittarius

(November 23 - December 23)

You need to stand tall in your personal beliefs and feelings, but to also be willing to listen to other ideas. This current energy tends to amplify your feelings, emotions and makes it easy for your deepest passions to rise to the surface. New personal romantic or business relationships are possible. Life changes are coming.

*Horoscopes by www.weeklyhoroscope.com

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-Thomas Hobbes

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-GEORGE WASHINGTON

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Family Weekend



End Of Summer

FALL 2008 PERFORMANCE CALENDAR

Music at Westfield

All performances are in Dever Auditorium unless otherwise noted

SEPTEMBER

- 9 Guest Artist, Bob Milne, *Piano*, 7:00pm
 22 Student Recital Series, Students of Isabelle Boggs and Karen LaVoie, 12:35pm
 25 Faculty Recital, Mixed Chamber Ensembles, 7:30pm

OCTOBER

- 8 Student Recital Series, Students of Amanda Burr, Phil deFremery, Ted Levine, and John Mason, 12:35pm
 8 Junior Performance Recital, Lee Neikirk, *guitar*, Second Congregational Church of Westfield, 7:30pm
 14 Voice Area Recital, Students of Mary Brown Bonacci, Mathew Ripperre, and Brian Robertson, 7:30pm
 15 Faculty Recital, Scott Bailey, *piano*; Isabelle Boggs, *clarinet*; Amanda Burr, *violin*, 7:30pm
 27 Student Recital Series, Students of Mary Brown Bonacci, Jeffrey Dostal, and Elaine Saloio, 12:35pm

NOVEMBER

- 5 Student Recital Series, Students of Tim Atherton, Tom Cannon, Joe LaCreta, and Ralph Whittle, 12:35pm
 6 New Music by Student Composers, students of Daniel Kennedy and Jim Argiro, 7:30pm
 11 Wind Symphony, Karen LaVoie, *conductor*, 7:30 pm
 13 Faculty Recital, Sonya Lawson, *viola*, 7:30pm
 19 Junior Performance Recital, Ryan Kearns, *guitar*, Second Congregational Church of Westfield, 7:30 pm

- 21 Festival Chorus, Ted Davidovich, *conductor*, TBA, (admission fee)
 22 Festival Chorus, Ted Davidovich, *conductor*, TBA, (admission fee)
 23 Music for Classical Guitar, students of Phil deFremery and John Mason, Second Congregational Church of Westfield, 3:00pm
 24 Student Recital Series, Students of Peter Coutsouridis, Galina Gertsenzon and Brian Robertson, 12:35pm
 30 Festival Chorus, *Messiah Sing*, Ted Davidovich, *conductor*, TBA, (admission fee)

DECEMBER

- 3 Student Recital Series, Students of Michelle Huddy Mathew Ripperre and Adrienne Sambo, 12:35pm
 3 Opera Workshop, Mary Brown Bonacci, *director*, 7:30pm
 4 Jazz Combo I, Jim Argiro, *director*; Jazz Combo II, Ted Levine, *director*, 7:30pm
 7 Wind Symphony, *American Cancer Society Benefit Concert*, Dr. Karen LaVoie, *conductor*, Greek Cathedral, Springfield, Massachusetts, 3:30pm
 10 Percussion Ensemble, Peter Coutsouridis, *conductor*; String Ensemble, Sonya Lawson, *director*, 7:30pm
 11 Big Band, Edward Orgill, *director*, 7:30pm
 12 College Chorale, Ted Davidovich, *conductor*, 7:30pm, location TBA

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WBZ "Talk to the Vote" kicks off election season in style

LAURA MANGINI
VOICE REPORTER

Entering the lobby of Dever Auditorium, I was instantly overwhelmed by the mob of students and faculty that swarmed the building. Organizers were directing students to different tables, ranging everywhere from passport credit, to give away sweepstakes, to voter registration tables, and to free handouts of pens, notepads, and Chap Stick. The nervousness in the room was obvious, as everyone (myself included), did not know what exactly to expect.

I slowly maneuvered my way through the crowd, and eventually found a place spot near the front. The seats gradually began to fill as it neared eight o'clock, and it was apparent that it was going to be a full house. Dan Rea, host of "Talk The Vote" on WBZ 1030, was explaining how the next two hours were about to unfold. As this was a live news feed, listeners nationwide would be able to call in and ask questions to the panel. The panel of four con-



President Dobelle takes on WBZ about election.

sisted of Maryann Marsh, a democratic political strategist, Charlie Manning, a republican political strategist, Westfield's own Evan Dobelle, who, for those of you who don't know, is a democrat who helped with the Clinton campaign, and WSC senior and star running back, Sam Sherrill.

The show began with the panel discussing their thoughts on major issues that are facing the country, the first of which was the Bailout Plan being proposed by Congress. Interestingly, although the two strategists came from different sides of the spectrum, both agree the Bailout Plan is not the answer. As do most WSC students, at least those present. Through a quick applause survey, it was clear the student body did not want to take on the burden of helping the rich climb out of the hole they dug for

themselves. President Dobelle also agreed, however he took it one step further, stating that it was not a lame-duck Congress's decision to decide how to act, but instead all decisions should wait until the new president came into office.

After a quick commercial break, Dan Rea quickly moved to the topic of the potential Vice Presidents. It was at this moment the crowd began to chatter, and I realized that the Biden-Palin debate was a hot topic for more than just me. In a surprising role reversal, Rea asked Democratic strategist Maryann Marsh to give advice to Republican candidate Sara Palin and Republican strategist to advise Democratic candidate Joe Biden. Marsh's advice appeared simple; reconnect with those you are trying to get to vote for you, and be yourself. Manning advised Biden to be the "hatchet" that Obama would not, ultimately attacking McCain's policies instead of Palin. Dobelle once again made the crowd cheer as he summed up the main objective. Simply put, the people don't trust either

candidate, and the winner will be whoever can gain their trust the fastest.

The most heated portion of the show was not between the panelists themselves, but instead between President Dobelle and Dan Rea. After Dobelle placed a good deal of blame on the media for basically turning politics into the next ESPN sport, Rea quickly came back with an attack on the education system. Rea argued that it was the public school system's fault for not teaching students about civics and the current issues. Dobelle agreed. Although he quickly added that it was due to underfunding from the state government that Massachusetts schools are ranked any where from 43rd to 49th in the country.

All in all, "Talk The Vote" appeared to be a success. It brought the student body together to discuss important national issues, and allowed them to actually voice their opinion. It was a ray of hope that maybe, just maybe, a collective student voice will be heard in this election.

WSC

Student of the Week



Stats: Kelly Fitzgerald, 20, junior, from Natick, Mass.

Major: Elementary Education

If you could have any superpower what would it be?

I would want to be able to teleport myself to places.

If you could change one thing about the campus what would it be?

I would add a Starbucks instead of a Dunkin Donuts.

If you had to eat one meal for the rest of your life what would it be?

Anna's Taqueria Burrito. A steak burrito with rice and cheese and salsa.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A First grade elementary school teacher somewhere near Boston.

If you could sleep with anybody in the world, alive or dead, who would it be?

Ryan Gosselin from the notebook. He's got a killer body.

If you want to be the Westfield State College Student of the Week, or want to submit a friend as Student of the Week, email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

WSC students watch and analyze first Presidential Debate

KRISTIN SHERWOOD
VOICE REPORTER

On Friday, September 26th, students gathered in Westfield State College's Dever Auditorium to watch the first presidential debate of the 2008 election. No doubt there was more excitement and a bigger crowd at the University of Mississippi where the debate was hosted, but the few who were at Dever were very interested and anxious as to the outcome of this first facoff between McCain and Obama.

A few minutes before 9:00 p.m., WSC political science professor David Smailes said a few words about the importance of debates and explained to the students that the debate was going to be a "heavily controlled event." Smailes went on

to explain a bit of history concerning presidential debates and how they used to be sponsored by League of Women Voters but are now controlled by the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD). Smailes said that the political parties are more in control now under the CPD and that the debate is becoming a progressively more controlled event.

Professor Smailes said a few last words about the debate in general and then the students watched the countdown until presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain walked onto the stage.



The first Presidential Debate took place last Friday.

- cbsnews.com

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Owl Bucks are now being accepted off-campus

CATHERINE GRELLA
BUSINESS MANAGER

You are now able to use your Owl Bucks at four different businesses located in Westfield: Zaubers Ice Cream and Deli, Dominos Pizza, School Street Bistro, and two different CVS

locations.

Owl Bucks are still accepted at all food services on campus as well as the bookstore, laundry facilities, and many food and drink vending machines. You may not purchase alcohol, tobacco, or firearms products using Owl Bucks. No exceptions made for those over 21 years of

age.

Owl Bucks can easily be purchased by visiting the campus card program located in Wilson. Your balance on your card will carry through from semester to semester as long as you're enrolled as a student at Westfield State College. Check your balance using

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For more information about Owl Bucks or the addresses of the off campus locations accepting them please visit www.owlbucks.com.

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An open letter to Governor Deval Patrick

Dear Governor Patrick,

In these uncertain economic times (a seemingly perennial state of affairs in Massachusetts), we, the members of the Massachusetts State College Association (MSCA), request that you renew your commitment to public higher education in the Commonwealth. We applaud your Life Sciences initiative to invest a billion dollars over the next ten years and your plan to improve the infrastructure in the public higher education system. However, you know that buildings and technology alone will not provide an educated 21st century workforce. You know that highly qualified faculty are essential to the process. You know that several salary studies have demonstrated that state college faculty are paid an average of 10 to 22 percent less than faculty at peer institutions. You know that the recent report ("Growing Talent: Meeting the Evolving Needs of the Massachusetts Life Sciences Industry") released by the Donahue Institute on 16 September 2008 states "Massachusetts must improve, expand and tailor its educational programs and resources designed to prepare students and workers for jobs in life sciences sector." You know that the faculty and librarians are the heart and soul of academic institutions. You know that the gateway to the American story "is through a first-rate education," as you so eloquently stated during your address to the Democratic National Convention on 26 August 2008. You know that the cost of living is currently increasing at a rate of approximately 4 percent per year. You know that your administration offered senior-level administrators at the State Colleges 4 percent raises for the next fiscal year. Yet, you engage in unfair labor practices by refusing to bargain in good faith with the MSCA, and you offer faculty and librarians a financial package that is 35 to 50 percent less than the rate of inflation! Governor Patrick, it is time that you live up to those words heard by tens of millions of Americans and negotiate a fair and equitable contract with the MSCA and correct the mistakes of the previous administrations.

Sincerely,

Buzz Hoagland

Vice President, Westfield Chapter
Massachusetts State College Association

The Angry Liberal by Molly Coyle

Well it has certainly been an interesting week in politics.

For those of you who haven't been paying attention, on Monday the Dow closed at an astonishing negative 777 points, the biggest loss in history. Luckily this did not continue over to the next day, but this was clearly in light of the house turning down the proposed 106-page document entitled, "Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008." That's right folks, after all that bipartisan effort to put together a bill that everyone could get behind, not enough people actually got behind it. Apparently, even McCain halting his campaign to rally people together didn't even help.

Of course, I understand that if more Democrats had gotten behind it as well it would have helped but just the fact that a very large chunk of Congress didn't even show up to vote in the first place infuriates me. Our economy is failing, this is a big deal, and these people who get paid to run our country couldn't even show up to do their jobs? That's just asinine.

So, other than our economy being on the brink of failure, Mississippi hosted the first presidential debate this past Friday and, unfortunately, it was a bit boring.

I'm sure not everyone out there is as in love with politics as I am and are some of you are probably thinking, "Uh, duh the debate was boring."

However, I watched every single debate leading up to the parties' nominations and practically salivated while watching them, (my favorites were the Clinton and Obama ones), but even the fact that the stakes were that much higher for this debate didn't help to keep me from wanting to fall asleep.

I watched the debate on CNN, who thought it would be cool to monitor the positive and negative reactions of a focus group (comprised of Democrats, Republicans and Independents) throughout the debate. Well, the lines scrolled across the screen like a patent who flat-lined, without the annoying beep.

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Just Sex with Lauren Mattos

Cheating. I hate even saying the word. It's an ugly reality folks, so I thought I'd switch gears from being fluff to being somewhat serious about something that really, really sucks. What constitutes cheating? Where is the line? Can there be second chances? I got some good responses, and oddly enough, all were from the ladies, with the exception of one stud.

Where were you, fellows? Are college gals generally

more in tune with the monogamy game? Are some of the guys too slow to mature, thus making them less likely to commit? These are generalizations of course, but I did find some interesting things along the way.

Now, what I found from the ladies was that cheating does not only take a physical form, but even worse, (to a lot of ladies) the emotional form. I would say that the majority of ladies I spoke to

and on the bulletins, cheating begins the second that secret phone call is made. One luscious lady-loving friend of mine and reader said, "Cheating is mostly seen as hooking up with someone else; however, for me, I'd rather my girlfriend hook up with someone else than truly have feelings for him or her." Another one of my sexy female readers echoed similar thoughts:

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EDITOR'S DESK



We are under way with the race for the White House and what a start it was. As an Obama supporter I gotta say I was kinda disappointed he didn't come out with a little more punch though. I know a lot of "experts" say that he won, but I'm not sure. I thought he didn't defend himself enough when McCain tried to attack him. Enough about the election though, we'll be covering that plenty in the weeks to come.

I need to address something that has really frustrated me recently. Being in the Voice office a lot I have spent a lot of time in Ely. With that I have been eating down stairs at Subway and Jazzmans quite a lot. I continue to notice there are no recycling bins any where to be found down there. Isn't this school trying to go green?

Wouldn't it be a great idea to put some recycle bins in one of the busiest places on campus? Somebody has got to fix this because I'm tired of throwing my bottles in the trash after I get some food.

Still next week... Peace everybody...

Jeff Dale

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The Freshmen Experience

MARY CAFFERTY
VOICE COLUMNIST

"So what do you think?" I asked my brother as we ate breakfast in the Dining Commons on Saturday morning, kicking off Westfield's Family Day with cereal and scrambled eggs.

"Well," he said sullenly, "I can't really appreciate it seeing as how mom and dad made me get up at five in the morning so we could drive here."

Oh, okay.

Well, my fellow freshmen, we're nearly a month in to this thing they call college. We've moved in, gone to class (or not gone to class), gotten lost and gotten sick of the food in the DC. We've tackled papers and printers, professors and friends, and now Family Day. Saturday was what I like to refer to as a "Jack Johnson, Banana Pancakes" sort of day.

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Women's Studies

AUSTIN HALL
VOICE COLUMNIST

Since I am a male in a Women's Studies class, I have gained a keener sense of what feminism is and what it means to me.

During my first day, when we were taught the different definitions of feminism, I had my own predisposed opinions on the matter coming from my high school attitudes.

Yet, by the end of class, even though I knew I was not a feminist, I had started to let go of my former assumptions of what a

feminist was, namely that they were extreme radicals who hate men entirely. Instead, a lot of them in the video we watched in class turned out to be men who had values instilled in them that women were equal to men.

The women portrayed in the video seemed to be normal (and quite calm) people who were relaxed and stated their opinions on the matter appropriately.

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EDITOR'S DESK



What could be better? The Red Sox begin their playoff series with the Angels in less than an hour from now and one of my favorite bands, Phish, announced a reunion concert this morning which will likely result in a reunion tour and a new studio album. I saw Trey open up for Tom Petty two years ago and ever since then I've been eager for their reunion because I did not want to miss out on seeing both the Grateful Dead and Phish in my lifetime.

Anyways, back to baseball. I am going to throw out my predictions for the divisional round.

Phillies in 4
Cubs in 5
Red Sox in 4
Rays in 5

Enjoy the weekend and GO SOX!!

Song of the week: "Run Like An Antelope" by Phish

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UPCOMING NORTHAMPTON SHOWS @ the Iron Horse

Saturday, October 4th - Susan Angeletti - 7pm, \$14
Saturday, October 4th - The Lonesome Brothers/Jimmy Ryan - 10pm, \$13
Sunday, October 5th - Who Shot Hollywood, Client: #9, Sticks and Stones, The Feel - 7pm, \$12
Wednesday, October 8th - Kaki King - 8:30pm, \$18

@ Pearl Street

Friday, October 3rd - Pinback, sBach (featuring Spencer from Hella and

Saturday, October 4th - The Advantage - 9pm, \$18
Saturday, October 4th - Buckethead - 7pm, \$23
Wednesday, October 8th - Okkervil River, Crooked Fingers, What Cheer? Brigade - 8:30pm, \$18
Thursday, October 9th - Grace Potter & The Nocturnals - 9pm, \$17

Phish to reunite for a set of shows in 2009

COLBY HENDERSON
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

One of the most anticipated reunions in the music industry (no, not Led Zeppelin, thank god) is finally here. The popular Vermont based jam band, Phish, has announced that they will re-unite to play a three night set in Hampton, VA from March 6-8. The band, which broke up in 2004, made the announcement on its website early Wednesday morning.

The announcement of a reunion shocked many Phish Phans but had been hinted at by several members of the band

including guitarist and lead vocalist, Trey Anastasio, and



bassist, Mike Gordon over the past several months.

The concert will be held at the Hampton Coliseum, the same place in which the band recorded their famous 1998 live album, "Hampton Comes Alive," because it holds special meaning to the band and is often referred to as its, "mother ship."

Tickets go on sale to the general public for the Virginia shows on October 18th. Additional 2009 tour dates and information on the reunion is expected by early 2009.

1,500 attend Evan Dobelle's investiture

CRAIG PHELON
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

Distinguished colleagues and friends of Evan S. Dobelle talked about his accomplishments, while students and faculty focused on his inspiration. More than 1,500 attended Dobelle's investiture as 19th president of Westfield State College at the college's Woodward Center on Saturday. The event included a concert by Arlo Guthrie.

"In President Dobelle's short time here, he has initiated amazing changes," said Jessica Mowatt, president of the Student Government Association. "However, the one thing that he has brought to this college that impresses me the most is his inspiration. He inspires us to grow as individuals."

Westfield Mayor Michael Boulanger, faculty representative Jack Shea, professor of English, and Senior Class President Kevin Aldred, all commented not only on the impact Dobelle already has had on campus, but also on the hope he brings for the future.

Dobelle decided not to give a major speech, but did offer a brief message to the senior class. "I want you to know that you are the greatest generation because you are all about the future," he said. "We are in desperate need of an educated discerning society in order to sustain a vibrant democracy."

Singing such classics as This Land is Your Land and The City of New Orleans, songwriter and musician Guthrie added his own perspective to a lineup of speakers honoring Dobelle and public education. Guthrie also introduced a new song about the

state of the economy, spoofing that he was changing his name to Fannie Mae so he could stand in line for a check.

Besides Guthrie, speakers included John Brademas, president emeritus of New York University and a congressman from Indiana for 22 years; the Rev. Peter J. Gomes, Baptist minister at The Memorial Church/Harvard and a member of Harvard University faculty; and State Sen. Joan M. Menard (D-Fall River), chair of the New England Board of Higher Education.

The speakers also received honorary degrees for their contributions to public service and education. Brademas received a Doctor of Laws degree. Gomes received a Doctor of Humanities degree. Menard received a Doctor of Public Service degree. Guthrie received a Doctor of Music degree.

Dobelle introduced Brademas as "one of the great public men in America." He served in Congress from 1959 to 1981, the last four years as House Majority Whip. Brademas outlined the similarities between his career and Dobelle's in both public service and education.

"Education is central to our society, not only in terms of economic, defense and foreign policies, but also in respect of the quality of our lives as individuals and as citizens of our communities and our country," Brademas said.

"Education is, in short, indispensable to our capacity to live as civilized, thoughtful human beings," he said. "I know that's what I believe and I know, too, that's what Evan Dobelle believes."

Menard, who is also Majority Whip of the state Senate, described her close work

with Dobelle when he was president and CEO of the New England Board of Higher Education.

"I've had the opportunity to travel with your president all over the world promoting education," Menard said. "You would be amazed at the admiration and the interest in other countries in what we have here in educational opportunities. Massachusetts, in particular, has become widely known as a center of education."

Menard mentioned new state initiatives for education, including a "College Ready" program, "to make sure students in the 5th, 6th and 7th grade levels understand what they need to do to get ready to go to an institution like Westfield State College."

Dobelle said the Rev. Gomes is "widely regarded as one of America's most distinguished preachers." He is the author of several best-selling books and his many honors include being named Clergy of the Year in 1998 by Religion in American Life.

Gomes' speech was lauded with humor as he talked about both the challenge and importance of education. "Education is the most important thing we do," Gomes said. "Education is an act of faith, an act of courage and even an act of imagination."

In analyzing the many stated goals of education, Gomes took issue with the often-expressed goal of "leadership."

"I'm sick to death of leadership," he said. "I would like to propose that what we need is to develop good 'followership.' Since 1642 Harvard has been producing leaders — and look at the state of the world. We need critical followers who can distinguish a fraud and a phony."

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SHERWOOD CONTINUED...

Moderated by Jim Lehrer, the debate was centered on foreign policy. Although the debate was primarily focusing on this issue of foreign policy, the question of the economy arose out of concern for the current economic crisis and the 700 billion dollar bailout. Obama's plan included oversight over the bailout and care of the homeless as people struggle to pay their mortgages. While Obama promised a tax cut for 95 percent of Americans, McCain promised to cut spending. McCain claimed that Obama spent too much, but Obama shot

back by recalling McCain's voting record that went along with the Bush Administration's spending plan. Obama kept trying to align McCain with the Bush Administration while McCain played on Obama's inexperience, repeating that "Senator Obama does not understand." When the question of the war arose, McCain laid out his plan to keep the troops stationed in Iraq and even declared that, "We are winning in Iraq." Obama's perspective was quite different: he said that the war is costing too much, both physically and financially, as we currently spend 10 billion dollars a month and the amount of wounded soldiers has exceeded 30,000. The two candidates also disagreed about the foreign

relations with different countries from Russia to Pakistan to Iran. On the issue of the safety of the United States at this time, both candidates said the U.S. has a "long way to go."

When Jim Lehrer called the end of the debate, the television was turned off and the students at Dever, along with Professor Smiles, began analyzing the debate. For those of us at the event in Dever, we agreed that neither candidate came out strong on top, but both achieved the goals they wanted to. Obama tried to group McCain with the Bush Administration while McCain tried to point out Obama's inexperience. There were no "gotcha" moments and neither candidate made any glaring

mistakes. Some students commented on Obama and McCain's body language. During the debate, both candidates seemed hesitant to address each other. At one point, moderator Jim Lehrer told both of them to look at each other when talking. As the debate went on, Obama became more comfortable with addressing McCain but McCain was still more reserved. During some parts, Obama would interrupt McCain and McCain snickered many times when Obama accused him of voting with the policy of the Bush administration. Many of the students agreed that in the beginning, both candidates seemed to have similar policies on the economy but the real debating and dis-

agreement arose over foreign relations and especially the War in Iraq. When asked about the overall feel of the debate, Professor Smiles said that Obama looked presidential while McCain "managed to press Obama on the issues he was vulnerable on." Many of the students agreed with this. While some students seemed pro-Obama, others were undecided and most believed that it had been a tie. One student compared it to a draw in a soccer game. All in all, it seemed that the general consensus was that both candidates kept their cools and, in the words of Professor Smiles, they "did what they set out to achieve."

COYLE CONTINUED...

Nothing unexpected happened. Even when each party's nominee spoke, the line only went up a bit and there were absolutely no spikes like I was hoping.

It was equally unshocking how the independent voters went up at certain points when McCain spoke and certain points when Obama spoke.

In my own humble analysis, even being an Obama supporter, I didn't think that either candidate did particularly better than the other. I enjoy listening to Obama speak more because after listening to John McCain speak for too long his

voice makes me want to stab my eardrums, but that has nothing to do with the quality of the debate or who out-debated the other. Sure there are polls out there and of course there are probably thousands of pundits and polls floating around that would say otherwise, but most of those pundits or polls probably lean in whatever direction they thought won. Obviously I'm not the be-all and end-all debate analyzer but it struck me as particularly poignant that even though I liked Obama, I didn't think that he gave a better debate than McCain, but at the same time I didn't think McCain outdid Obama either. They both held their own against the other's attacks and, neither got too coaty. It was about as exciting as a brown paper bag.

Now, the vice presidential debate on Thursday is another story. That's what I'm excited about! It's quite sad that it feels like there's more at stake for this debate than for the presidential debates. In a way though, there is. There's only one vice presidential debate and it's going to be a serious deal breaker for Palin if she doesn't put up any sort of a respectable fight when Biden wipes the floor with her.

Well voters, I hope you keep watching the news or stay doing so if you aren't already! Be aware, be informed, and get those absentee ballot applications in!

Sigma Tau Delta Meeting



When: Thursday, October 9th at 6:45 pm

Where: Bates 123

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MATOS CONTINUED...

"I'd rather someone cheat on me physically and not emotionally, but either way, I don't think I could ever forgive and forget in that situation." So for some ladies, emotional cheating is a much bigger blow than getting it on with some random fool in your roommate's bed. The one that stood that responded, who named himself "Trent," seemed to have an entirely different take on cheating and where the line is drawn: "I would say anything past kissing is cheating, no matter if alcohol was involved or not. It's all words until the action." Interesting. Not to say all men (or women) agree with both of these sentiments, but I think it is quite interesting to see how differently men and women define (or justify) infidelity.

Was Mahatma Gandhi right when he said, "The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong?" Forgiveness and second chances were big issues that came up on the bulletins, and when I showed my friend Charlie this quote

he so scathingly replied that forgiveness is "also the attribute of the stupid from time to time." When is forgiveness okay? When is it just an excuse to save you from being alone? A lot of ladies said that forgiveness should be deleted out depending on the circumstances of the situation, while others said that it was something they could absolutely never forgive. One lovely lady shared her strong feelings on withholding forgiveness: "I don't forgive a cheater and I don't give second chances when it comes to cheating." While another sassy female shared different ideas: "I honestly think I would forgive once I could tell he meant it, tell he felt guilty, and knew he would never do it again." Trent the Stud said, "forgiveness must be earned and wanted." It seems to be that I am getting all these different ideas about forgiveness; however, I feel that not many people know how they will react unless they are actually put into that situation.

"We weren't here yesterday, we won't be here tomorrow, but we are here now," said Rev. Peter J. Gomes during the ceremony. "How do we proceed?"

And how do we proceed? I couldn't help thinking as my parents drove the minivan back home after the festivities were over. We've already gotten over the hard part – the moving in, the adjusting to new friends, new classes, and most of all, new freedom. What now?

Well, who really knows what's next for us? I'm sure there's no answer to that question except to wait for it to happen. And while we wait, during that time between our first move-in day and our final walk across the green at graduation, we're forming friendships and experiences that are going to affect us for the rest of our lives.

HALL CONTINUED...

None of them were angry, yelling women who were leading a movement against everything masculine, like I had somehow expected before class.

The next topic we learned about was how women were portrayed in ads and commercials. Even the slightest things in the ads, such as a woman putting their hand over their mouths, was actually a subliminal way of telling women to "keep quiet." The women depicted in the ads came from a speech called "Killing Us Softly," a speech done with pictures of commercial ads in order to drive the point home that women have been defamed even though the mass public think models are glorified.

Before viewing the speech, I thought that the models in ads were promoted as objects of sex; I didn't expect that that wasn't even the worst part of advertising. After viewing the presentation, I was shocked that models would be degraded to the point where they are being portrayed as less

than men and completely at a man's will. Ad after ad showed women being grabbed quite violently by men, with scared and vulnerable looks on their faces. This was viewed as being "sexy" to advertisers and to the ones that paid the ad no mind. Another showcased a woman with her mouth covered by her hands. The underlying message was that women are "sexier" when they are quiet. I was dumbfounded that the constant barraging messages were to keep women silent and keep women as sex objects, but not independent people.

These type of studies into the psyche of how women are disgraced and degraded kept me interested, and more importantly, angry with the oppressors who wanted so desperately to keep women as second-class citizens.

Before I knew it, Women's Studies became my favorite subject. As I read the writings of these female (and even male) writers, I was moved by their trials and tribulations regarding the female gender.

I understood that

there was a reason for having a Women's Studies class, and now that I think about it, I wonder why this was not a required class in high school.

Everyone is required to read the male writers such as Edgar Allen Poe and Shakespeare, and rightly so, but there should be a requirement to read female writers and their opinions on the world.

Well, I am not a female writer, but I can at least write about the class I'm in so that I can bring it outside of the classroom and into the public, where it belongs. So, I will write a weekly article concerning my class and what I learned from it. I will also include my thoughts on the matter to gain perspective on the class for both the readers' benefits and my own. That way, people can get an inside look at how women are treated in society and, through that, how we may be able to stop this problem and discontinue our gender prejudice.

CAFFERTY CONTINUED...

You all know what I mean – those days when the rain makes you want to roll over and go right back to sleep. The sort of weather that seems to make the world run more slowly.

My parents pulled up in front of my building around 8:30 on the morning of family day, so rolling over and going back to sleep was out of the question. But it was really nice to see them here. Plus they brought snacks.

We grabbed breakfast over in the DC, and although my brother was still comatose that early in the morning, my parents and my grandmother seemed to enjoy themselves. We then made our way over to Woodward to see the convocation of President Dobelle.

FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

Before I get to the piece, I just want to throw this out there. My good friend Tom, in a nod to the "meow" game in Super Troopers, but me I couldn't mention Donnie Moore five times in an article. As Prof. Dempsey and just about every teacher or editor (Hi Jeff!!) I've ever encountered will tell you, I love doing things simply because they tell me I won't. Enjoy.

Just sitting here wondering if there will be another Donnie Moore (1) (haha, Donnie Moore (2) ah yes...) or Steve Bartman in a month or so. Alright, alright, lets not be so negative. The Cubs made it to their second consecutive postseason for the first time since 1907-08 seasons and the Tampa Bay Rays, after winning their first division title, are headed to their first playoff appearance in their history. And the Sox are back, so maybe, just maybe we'll be lucky enough to see Paps do the friggon dance one more time. At least we've got

that going for us. Anyway, even though, as I write this, two games have been completed (Phillies 3, Brewers 1 and Cubs 7, Dodgers 2) and a few more will have passed by the time you people get your hands on this issue, its time I handicap this years matchups.

Phillies/ Brewers - My guess here is Phillies in four. The Phil's just have too much firepower in their lineup and, ever since he replaced Tim Lincecum in the one Sox/Yankee game I ever went to, I've kind of loathed Dale Sveum. CC Sabathia will obviously win his start, but unless he can come back on two days rest twice, the Phillies will take this series. If it goes four, which is my bet, the Brewers will likely face Cole Hamels twice, which is basically 2 wins for Philadelphia. As much as I want see Ryan Braun and the worlds largest vegetarian, Prince Fielder in the NLCS, I don't think they're going to get past Howard, Uley, Burrell and the Philly bats.

Dodgers/ Cubs - This series is going to break my heart either way. I really want to see Joe Torre take the Dodgers to the series, but I would rather see David Hasselhoff doing body shots off of Rosie O'donnell (thank you, Colby Henderson) than see Manny Ramirez get another ring. Its must see TV. I'd also love to see the Cubs take their first title in a century but I also wouldn't mind them blowing it in some dramatic fashion since I love so much train wrecks and plane crashes and get a sick kick out of the collapse and dismemberment of the fragile human psyche. Hence the Donnie Moore (3) joke. I believe the Cubs will take this one because of their pitching. The mid-season pick up of Rich Harden has been severely over looked because of the job CC Sabathia has done in Milwaukee. Zambrano threw a no hitter less than a month ago and Ryan Dempster is more than capable of winning a big one. Their bullpen is nasty with Wood,

Marmol and Samardzija closing out games, the cubs certainly have the arms to outlast the Dodgers hit-or-miss offense. I say, Cubs in five.

Angels/ Red Sox - Being from New England and hating Francisco Rodriguez, I'm really pulling for K-Rod to be the next Donnie Moore (4) and that maybe, Jason Bay will be the Dave Henderson in that equation and in a clutch at-bat in the late innings, take Rodriguez deep and break the Angels back in the 5th game. And because this is Mat world, that's what is going to happen. Red Sox in five, off a game winning homer by Jason Bay. Everyone loves Canadian "Bay-con" don't they? God, that was a terrible joke, I'm sorry.

White Sox/ Rays - Is Ozzie Guillen dead yet? No? Well he should be. I say, Rays in four. But seriously, who wants to see Nick Swisher and A.J. Pierzynski in the ALCS? Their mothers and no body else. The Tampa Bay Rays are a hallmark

channel original movie waiting to happen. Throw in a re-formed drug addict (and they could have if they held onto Josh Hamilton) and some young hot-shot who is rough around the edges (cough Delmon Young cough) who lead a team of nobody's to the promise land while crushing the big bad Chicago White Sox (Like Major League II) in the process, add in some ridiculously half-way good looking broad who's career was over before it really started and you've got it.

That's how it's going to go down. At least, that's how this guy sees it. I guess we'll have to wait and see who's this years heroes (Kirk Gibson) and goats (Donnie Moore [5]) will be. Only time will tell. See Tom, I told you I could do it.



Coast Guard Edges Westfield, 16-13

MICKEY CURTIS
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

WESTFIELD, Mass. -- Freshman Jacob Shackleford kicked a 32-yard field goal with 16 seconds remaining to lift Coast Guard Academy to a 16-13 victory over Westfield State in New England Football Conference (NEFC) action on Saturday, Sept. 27.

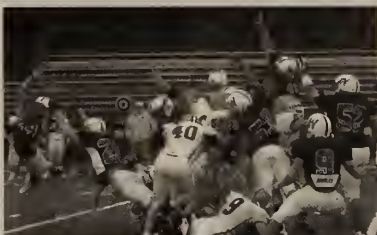
It was the NEFC Bogan Division opener for both teams. Coast Guard (1-2, 1-0) has a perfect 15-0 divisional record since joining the NEFC in 2006. Westfield is 2-2 and 0-1.

It was the first collegiate field goal attempt for Shackleford, whose low trajectory game-winning boot cleared the uprights just inside the left post.

The game-winning drive began with 4:42 remaining after a Westfield drive (12 plays, 53 yards) stalled at the Coast Guard 32 on a fourth-down incomplete pass.

The big play on Coast Guard's final drive came on 2 and 20 from its own 42 when running back Steve Arguelles picked up 36 yards on a beautifully executed screen pass. Three plays later, Shackleford delivered his big boot with the line of scrimmage at the 15.

Coast Guard took a 6-0 first quarter lead on a nine-play, 73-yard drive that was capped



Josh Muihieu, far left, nearly blocks the game-winning field goal. - photo by Mickey Curtis

by a four-yard touchdown scamper by quarterback Niles Pierson. The PAT failed.

The Bears took a 13-0 lead midway through the second quarter on a 7-yard TD run by backup quarterback Jarrod Owens. The short TD drive was setup when Coast Guard's Chris Costello returned an interception 18 yards to the Owl 24.

Westfield scored with 46 seconds remaining in the first half on a 3-yard touchdown reception by junior receiver David Benoit to cap a 13-play, 60-yard drive. Chris Stengel's PAT conversion made the score 13-7.

The Owls tied the score midway through the third period on a perfectly executed pump fake TD pass from quarterback Dan Cohen to C.J. Franklin that covered 15 yards. The PAT was blocked by the Bears' Troy Robison

Westfield outgained Coast Guard, 304-233, but the

Owls committed four turnovers, including three interceptions. The Bears, meanwhile, only turned over the ball twice.

Cohen completed 23 of 37 passes for 214 yards and two touchdowns. Benoit - who entered the game ranked first in NCAA Division III in receiving yards per game (170.3) - finished with 11 catches for 116 yards after a slow start.

Benoit's first reception came with 2:56 remaining in the first half and he had two catches at halftime.

Pierson completed 7 of 18 passes for 108 yards and also rushed for 17 net yards on 13 carries. Arguelles was the game's leading grounder gainer, with 79 yards on 16 carries.

Coast Guard sophomore linebacker Kyle Ennis posted a game-high 12 tackles. Senior linebacker Jay Fielding led the Owls with 10 tackles.

Athlete Of The Week



Ashley Conway
Senior
Volleyball #6

Hometown: Dracut
Major: Special Education
Being a WSC Athlete: Being a part of the athletic program is great. I've made lots of friends through my participation and it has really made my years here at Westfield enjoyable.

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Running game key matchup in game vs Niners

CRAIG NARDINI
SPORTS COLUMNIST

This Sunday the Patriots are going to have to show how physically and mentally tough they are if they want to rise above one of their worst losses in recent history.

The 38-13 thrashing at the hands of the lowly Miami Dolphins halted a 21-game regular season winning streak and raised questions about the Pats' aging defense and backup-tackling quarterback Matt Cassel. At 2-1 on the young season, the Patriots are already behind the surprising 4-0

Buffalo Bills and the Jets who gained confidence and momentum when Brett Favre tossed six touchdown passes against the Cardinals last Sunday.

The Patriots travel to San Francisco this Sunday to face an unproven and unfamiliar foe, J.T. O' Sullivan, and the rest of the 49ers. The 49ers are currently in second place in the NFC West with a 2-2 record. Their offense seems to be in the middle of the pack, averaging 23.5 points per game ranking them 14th in the league. They rank 13th and 15th in passing and rushing yards respectively and have a combined 64 points in their two wins. O' Sullivan

has shown glimpses of being a good NFL quarterback, but is unproven.

Also, O'Sullivan's receiving corps, which includes, Arnaz Battle and the rapidly declining Isaac Bruce is not very intimidating to opposing defenses. Tight end Vernon Davis was supposed to be the biggest weapon, but has had limited production for the first part of the season. The biggest offensive threat they possess, which may cause big problems for the Pats' defense, is running back Frank Gore. Gore exploded onto the scene two years ago in San Francisco, amassing 1695 yards in 2006 and 1102 yards in 2007.

As was clearly seen two weeks ago, the aging linebackers could not stop a tough, physical running back in Ronnie Brown. Gore is the same type of runner, speedy and quick with a tough physical side as well.

The other major topic of this, and seemingly every other game, is how Matt Cassel will play and respond from last time out. The 49ers defense was supposed to be the best aspect of their team but so far have given up a lot of points. They have allowed an average of 24 points per game and have been soft in the secondary, ranking 22nd in the league.

This Sunday is a key

game for the Patriots to try getting back on track. Another loss and another poor Cassel showing could mean changes are in order. The defense must stop Gore to have any chance at winning because we all know the Pats cannot engage in offensive shootouts with Tom Brady on the sideline. Randy Moss must get open and stay motivated and Cassel must hit him and be able to throw the ball over seven yards.

If the 49ers do beat the Patriots in such a fashion as the Dolphins did, we may see a veteran signing or Kevin O'Connell lining up under center against San Diego a week from Sunday.

Red Sox retire Pesky's number at Fenway Park Sunday

TERESA DOLFUSS
SPORT REPORTER

Before Game one of the doubleheader versus the Yankees this past Sunday, the Red Sox showed their appreciation for Johnny Pesky by retiring his number.

Johnny Pesky stood on the field behind home plate for the pregame ceremony and watched as his No. 6 was uncovered. His number is now immortalized at Fenway Park, and lies between those of Joe Cronin's

No. 4 and Carl Yastrzemski's No. 8.

In order to honor Pesky in this way, the Red Sox had to alter their policy on retiring numbers. Originally they only retired numbers of those who were in the Hall of Fame, played for at least 10 seasons in Boston and retired with the Red Sox. However, since Pesky is not a member of the Hall of Fame, they made an exception due to his long service with the club.

During the ceremony Pesky wore his number 6 uniform, the last time that anyone

will wear it. As memories of Pesky were being shared on the jumbotron, as well as highlights from his career, it was hard for him not to show emotion. Among those that taped messages for Pesky were former Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra and current starting pitcher Curt Schilling.

With Pesky's number being retired, he became the sixth member of the Red Sox to have a number immortalized within Fenway's walls. He joins

the likes of Bobby Doerr (No. 1), Joe Cronin (No. 4), Carl Yastrzemski (No. 8), Ted Williams (No. 9), and Carlton Fisk (No. 27).

Pesky also made a speech before the close of the ceremony thanking the Red Sox for honoring him and saying that Fenway was his true home. He even joked that the Red Sox needed to win the World Series again this year because he needed another ring. After his speech, the members of the current Red Sox went up to him individually

and congratulated him on this honor.

Pesky, also known as Mr. Red Sox, has spent a total of 37 years with the Red Sox organization in many different roles. These roles include being their shortstop/third baseman in 1942, and then again from 1946-52. He spent the in between years fighting in World War II.

After he finished his playing career, he continued his involvement with the Sox by being a coach, manager, and broadcaster.

Round Table: Should the Red Sox have retired Pesky's #6?



Jeff Dale

I must say I'm somewhat on the fence when it comes to this debate. On one hand you have Johnny Pesky who was a good player for the Red Sox a long time ago. However, when compared to other players who are retired, he pales in comparison. Pesky was a great teammate, but statistically not a great player. If they start handing retired numbers out like it's going out of style, who's next. Remy? Eck? Why not give it to some guys who didn't like Jim Rice and Luis Tiant? They should be in the Hall of Fame, too. Throw 'em a bone.



Colby Henderson

I loved it at first. However, the more I think about it the more I agree with my colleagues in the sense that he simply doesn't deserve it. Having your number retired by the Red Sox used to be an honor reserved for hall-of-fame caliber players and Pesky simply is not that. This just opens the door for the Jerry Remy's and Bernie Carbo's to be retired alongside Ted Williams, Dave Runnels, Pedro, Ortiz, Schilling, and *gulp* Clemens if he is ever proven innocent. Hell, I'd even throw Wade Boggs's #26 up there.



Matthew Castonguay

Just because Johnny Pesky hangs around Fenway Park, the way an aged former high school quarterback would hold school, garnering whatever fan fare he can still muster from his glory days, doesn't mean he should have his number retired by the team. Pretty soon, the Sox are going to have every mediocre fan favorite on the facade of long-looking right field. I loved Trot, but honestly, I may deserve my number up there more than he does, and even he had better numbers (and played longer) than Pesky. Not to mention, Pesky may be solely responsible for their not winning in 1946. The play, famously known as "Slaughtered Mad dash" is known here simply as "Pesky Holds the Ball." If there's love for Johnny Pesky, why not Fred Lynn, Dwight Evans or Jim Rice?



Patrick Dayton

It's about time! The Red Sox have finally acknowledged one of the all time most dedicated men in franchise history. Johnny Pesky has been a player, manager, broadcaster, and hitting instructor among other crucial roles. I understand he is not Hall of Fame material, and that is fine. Numbers do not define a player and anyone who knows anything about baseball would agree with me. Johnny Pesky is the Boston Red Sox and it is about time he was given this honor. Congratulations Johnny, I tip my cap to you.



Daniel Swartz

No way. I believe the retired numbers should be reserved for players whose statistics are hall-of-fame worthy, and Pesky's are no where near that. I agree with the way the Sox have gone about it in the past. 3 rules; must be in the HOF, he isn't, must have played for the Sox for 10 seasons, he didn't (7); and must retire with the Sox, he didn't. I am an ambassador to the game and I agree he should be recognized but that is what Pesky's Pole is for, isn't it?

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Your Weekly Horoscope

ARIES

March 21 - April 19

This week's scenario is highlighted by your willingness to take on difficult tasks. Your job may demand that you pay attention to every detail. You prefer to deal with the big picture. A close friend or partner could get on your nerves now. They may be worried about a minor matter that frustrates you. Don't allow your emotions to make decisions for you.

TAURUS

April 20 - May 20

This week's scenario is highlighted by a sense of getting yourself organized. Your life has been far too busy lately. Try not to sweep your problems under the rug. Expect disagreements with your partner if financial irresponsibility has left you in a tight spot. The key might be to set limitations on each other's spending habits.

GEMINI

May 21 - June 20

This week's scenario is highlighted by stressful domestic & personal affairs. Spend time by yourself if at all possible. Your usual cool may not be evident and your emotions could be extreme. Erratic behavior may cause isolation. Allow others to do their own thing. When communicating with children, try to put yourself in their position.

CANCER

June 22 - July 22

This week's scenario is highlighted by partnerships, teamwork & working towards your mutual goals. You know it is impossible to accomplish anything if you try to do it alone. Bring your leadership qualities to the surface & help organize your mutual efforts. Arguments with family or friends may really set you off.

LEO

July 23 - Aug 22

This week's scenario is highlighted by responsibilities & getting back to basics. You need to have a conversation with one who wants to hang on to your generous hospitality, forever. Some uncertainty may cause you to take time to make decisions.

VIRGO

Aug 23 - Sept 22

This week's scenario is highlighted by your need for patience & understanding. Use these valuable virtues to get you through others' moods. Those around you may start the week with enthusiasm, then lose their way in the process.

LIBRA

Sept 23 - Oct 22

This week's scenario is highlighted by new dynamic cycle of change that is about ready to begin. Unpredictable events may disrupt your routine greatly. You may find it hard to get a clear response from a co-worker, mate. You need the information & you need it now, but somehow it may not be forthcoming.

SCORPIO

Oct 23 - Nov 21

This week's scenario is highlighted by partnerships or marriage possibilities. This is not just about romance; it can also be about friendship and professional partnership. Your involvement with family situation could prove to be very interesting.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov 22 - Dec 21

This week's scenario is highlighted by growth in your emotional stability. You don't have to accept whatever comes your way, but neither should you reject innovation as a matter of course. You may also have the gift of being able to push others in the direction you want them to go.

CAPRICORN

Dec 22 - Jan 19

This week's scenario is highlighted by emotions, psychic powers & your ability to use your visions to see past the immediate. You may be able to see much more than the rest of us. You'll be able to tap into this part of your psyche with little effort.

AQUARIUS

Jan 20 - Feb 18

This week's scenario is highlighted by the promise of business or financial opportunities. You may encounter problems with authority figures that could lead to confinement or delays. Your imagination can help you come up with some high profit ideas. Even you still have things to learn.

PISCES

Feb 19 - Mar 20

This week's scenario is highlighted by the intuitive and psychic perceptions you receive from many sources. An intense conversation could be important to you. Reevaluate your past, try to bring out your best qualities, set aside your insecurities. Communications & understanding will increase greatly.

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Thumbs Up / Thumbs Down



MLB Post Season



No recycling bins

Fri 10/3	Intramurals 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Parenzo Gym	Field Hockey 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Turf	Women's Soccer 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Turf
Sat 10/4	Intramurals 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Parenzo Gym	Football vs Maine Maritime 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Alumni Field	Indiana Jones 8:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Ely Main Lounge
Sun 10/5	Catholic Mass 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Interfaith Center	Intramurals 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Parenzo	Catholic Mass 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Interfaith Center
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Tue 10/7	Intramurals 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Parenzo Gym	Men's Soccer 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Grass Field	Intramurals 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Turf
Wed 10/8	Intramural 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Parenzo Gym	Catholic Mass 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Interfaith Center	Intramurals 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Turf
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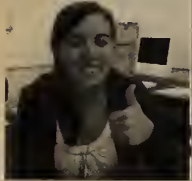
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WSC Student of the Week



Stats:
Birtany Costa, 19,
Sophomore from
Mattapoisett, MA

Major:
English/Theatre

If you could have any super power, what would it be? Invisibility so I could walk around nude and nobody would know

If you could change one thing about the campus what would it be? The trons and the lawn chairs need to go

If you had to eat one meal for the rest of your life what would it be? Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

If you could sleep with any celebrity, who would it be? Dwight K. Shrute

Have you ever put mac n cheese on your hot dog? If so do you prefer krafts or annies? This is awkward because I wrote this question, but never. Annies mac n cheese is far the best though.

Would you rather write a paper due in an hour or ride a pony on the white house lawn? Obviously ride a pony on the white house lawn while playing the ukulele

Bay, Lowrie lead Red Sox past Angels

COLBY HENDERSON
Co-Editor-In-Chief

If someone told you back in April that the Red Sox would clinch the American League Division Series in six months on a seasonally cold New England night behind the unlikely duo of Jed Lowrie and Jason Bay, would you believe them?

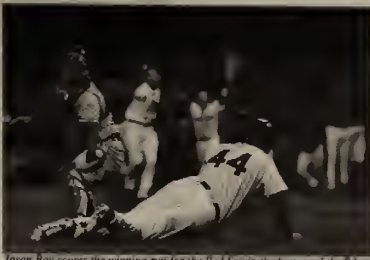
A lot had to happen to set up the memorable events that occurred at Fenway Park this past Tuesday which allowed the Red Sox to clinch their fourth ALDS title in six years. It started back on July 12 when shortstop Julio Lugo was placed on the disabled list with a strained left quad. Instead of going out and acquiring a veteran shortstop to fill the void left by Lugo, the team decided to call up rookie Jed Lowrie who made his major league debut earlier in the season when third baseman Mike Lowell spent time on the disabled list.

The next piece of the puzzle came 19 days later, at the final hour of the trading deadline, when Theo Epstein pulled the trigger on the biggest deal in

Boston since Nomar Garciaparra was shipped to the Cubs four years to the day. As part of a three-team deal, the Red Sox shipped outfielder Manny Ramirez to the Dodgers and outfielder Brandon Moss and reliever Craig Hansen to the Pittsburgh Pirates in exchange for two-time all-star, Jason Bay.

The next night, in his first game with the Red Sox, Jason Bay found himself standing on third base after a two-out triple which scraped the monster in the bottom of the 12th inning. Jed Lowrie stepped to the plate and would reach on an infield single, scoring Bay, and giving the Red Sox their first win in the post-Manny era.

Bay's first taste of Boston was sweet and it was also a preview of things to come. 68 days later, game 4 of the ALDS, the Red Sox were up 2-1 in the series, coming off a heartbreaking extra-inning loss the night before to force a game 4. Bay found himself in a similar situation to the one he was in on that August night. Behind a strong outing from Jon Lester who went 7 innings, shutting out the Angels on 109 pitches, the Red Sox took the lead into the



Jason Bay scores the winning run for the Red Sox in the bottom of the 9th. Boston.com

eighth where the Angels would tie it on a Torii Hunter single, setting up the late-inning heroics we have come to expect from this team.

Leading off the bottom of the 9th inning, with Scott Shields on the mound for the Angels, Jason Bay stepped into the box and hit a fly ball to right which fell hard in front of the diving Reggie Willits and bounced into the stands for a ground rule double. However, if that ball avoided the stands, Bay likely would've walked off with an inside-the-park home run. Two batters later, with one out

and Bay standing on second base, Jed Lowrie steps in batting left-handed against the right-handed Shields and rips a ground ball past the diving Howie Kendrick into right field. Bay rounded third hard and the throw from Willits was on target but a second late as Bay was able to sneak his hand around the foot of catcher Mike Napoli. Déjà vu at Fenway Park, Lowrie knocks in Bay, the Red Sox win setting up another memorable October for a team that has a flair for the dramatic.

Round Two: Obama faces McCain in second Debate



Obama listens during debate at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn., on Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2008.

KRISTIN SHERWOOD
VOICE REPORTER

-AP / J. Scott Applewhite
Convention and the Democratic National Convention talked with the audience about their experiences and also discussed what they hoped to see from the candidates in this debate.

This debate was structured in a town hall format with a group of 80 uncommitted voters also on the stage with the presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain. These voters had submitted questions for the candidates previously and of those questions, Tom Brokaw had decided on which questions were to be asked of the candidates. Each candidate had two

minutes to answer the questions, with a one minute follow-up. Although they only had two minutes to respond to the questions, both Obama and McCain went over their limits throughout the debate. Brokaw pointed out that the candidates had agreed to the rules of limited time and he also pointed out that there were lights set up at the debate to warn them when their time was up. He repeated this a number of times, but both McCain and Obama continued to go over their limits.

From the beginning, the two candidates engaged in a heated debate and the informal setting allowed them to address each other more. They criticized each other severely, and pointed out the other's voting record and faults, creating this back-and-forth discussion. They both wanted to get their points across as they answered the questions from different people who were on the stage. Both Obama and McCain repeated views and

plans that they had promoted during the first debate but this time the questions were evenly divided between domestic and foreign policy issues. Obama repeated what he said before about giving a tax cut to 95% of working Americans and businesses who make under \$250,000 a year. McCain proposed to get Americans out of the economic crisis by buying out the bad loans, initiating a spending freeze and creating new jobs. Both candidates said that new jobs will be created by using alternative sources of energy, such as nuclear, wind, and solar energy. McCain was more for nuclear energy and offshore drilling, while Obama declared that we "can't simply drill our way out of the problem."

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Vice Presidential Faceoff: Palin vs. Biden

KRISTIN SHERWOOD
VOICE REPORTER

On Thursday October 2nd, 2008, WSC students crowded around the big screen in Ely Campus Center to watch the first and only Vice Presidential Debate. This debate between Alaska Governor Sarah Palin and Senator Joe Biden was moderated by Gwen Ifill and focused on both domestic issues and foreign policy.

Although Palin had endured intense scrutiny from the media following interviews with Katie Couric and Charlie Gibson, she stood her ground during the debate. Both Biden and Palin remained firm in their points during the 90 minute face off. The exchange between the two was more personable than the first presidential debate between Obama and McCain.

Palin tried to reach out to the American people by claiming she was an "outsider," using phrases like "damn right," "say it ain't so" and "doggone it" and by appearing down-to-earth as a hockey mom and average citizen. Biden also tried

to reach out to the average American by talking about the kind of average neighborhood he grew up in and by using

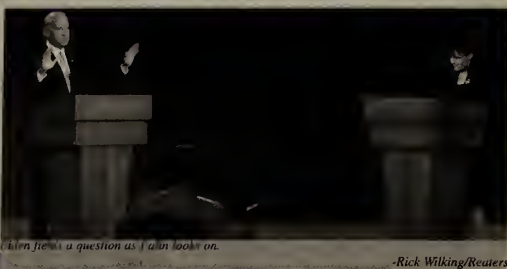
economic plan called for tax cuts for people making under \$250,000, creating jobs and making healthcare affordable.

McCain/Palin administration, the war would never end. Palin sharply opposed this view, claiming that Obama's plan of

Qaeda living in Pakistan and Afghanistan. In regards to diplomacy with nations like Iran, Palin echoed what McCain had said during the first presidential debate: preconditions must be in place before talks can happen. Biden had a different idea: direct diplomacy by way of talking must take place and he criticized McCain's refusal to meet with the leader of Spain. While Biden championed for the middle class, Palin kept declaring that a McCain/Palin administration would work to eradicate the corruption in Washington and on Wall Street.

In Palin's closing statement, she declared that McCain would fight for the middle class, national security, and for securing freedom for future generations.

Biden also came out strong with his closing statement. He said there is a "need for fundamental change" with both economic and foreign policy. Biden claimed that an Obama/Biden administration would help the average American with healthcare, education, and paying their mortgages and said it was time for America to rise up together.



examples from his personal life to explain how he understands the struggles Americans face.

Both vice presidential candidates promised change but their plans for change, however, were very different. Palin's plan for economic change included a \$5000 tax credit for families to buy their own health insurance. Biden responded by calling this plan the "Ultimate Bridge to Nowhere." Biden said that his and Obama's eco-

Both candidates also claimed they were going to help the middle class.

They strongly disagreed on the plan for dealing with Iraq. Biden called Bush's plan an "abject failure" owing to the cost of the war and declared that an Obama administration would end this war. He proclaimed that there existed a fundamental difference between himself and Palin on this issue, declaring that under a

troops within 16 months would be a "white flag of surrender." She declared that the United States is closer to victory in Iraq and that the military should be expanded.

When asked about the dangerous threats to America, Palin said that the United States needed to focus on the central war in terror in Iraq while Biden proposed the U.S. deal with what he and Obama consider the real threat of terrorism: Al

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-Rick Wilking/Reuters

Attention all Westfieldians: Your campus has gone live.

JACKIE BUNT
VOICE REPORTER

CampusLive, a network of college campus websites, services and resources has recently added Westfield State College to its roster. They currently serve 27 campuses and add more schools to their list all the time.

A user of the website is able to enter their college into the site menu and are then directed to the specific school's link. The user is able to customize the gadgets and modules provided on the site and are returned to their customized page with every visit.

CampusLive was featured in the Top 5 of Business

Week magazine's recent Best Entrepreneurs 25 and Under special report. Sasha Grosman, a 2008 UMass-Amherst graduate and co-founder of CampusLive, said he hopes to see the website grow even bigger.

"I see the future of CampusLive being a school's entire online community," Grosman said. "Not only will it be the student home page, but it will be the online meeting place for every club, organization, team, and extracurricular. The CL team is shooting for the stars; we are hoping to put out a completely new and innovative product."

CampusLive serves up weather, regional news and search engines. The site also features a food finder applica-

tion which allows users to browse through a wide variety of local restaurants with one click. The user decides whether they want to eat out, dine in or get delivery, and CampusLive will suggest area restaurants, complete with menus, phone numbers, promotional deals and hours.

"As college students and recent college grads," Grosman said, "we are very limited in our resources, so it is a slow process. But we feel that we have an advantage being so in-tune with the college community. We understand how students think, what they want, and how they want to get it. And we plan to deliver."

SHERWOOD CONTINUED

Both also agreed to limit the U.S. dependence on foreign oil. On the issue of health care, Obama declared that it should be a right, and McCain said it should be a responsibility to make it affordable. Both agreed that health care should be a priority.

On foreign policy, however, the candidates strongly opposed each other. While McCain promised to bring the troops home from Iraq in victory, Obama said that the war is costing too much because we are wasting \$10 billion a month. McCain repeated what he had said in the earlier debate about Obama not understanding. Obama responded by saying that he didn't understand why the U.S. invaded a country that had nothing to do with the 9/11 terrorist attacks and he proposed a plan to go after Osama Bin Laden and deal with real problem of Al Qaeda in Afghanistan and Pakistan. McCain said that he

would do what Teddy Roosevelt did and "speak softly but carry a big stick" and Obama's record did not show him following that policy, especially in the ways he wanted to deal with Iran and North Korea.

Both candidates were firm and direct in their points, both on foreign policy and domestic issues and came out strong. When the debate was over, the remaining WSC students engaged in an intense debate about which candidate came out the strongest. Supporters from both sides argued over whether McCain and Obama had been specific enough in their proposed plans and policies. Although a general consensus was not reached about which candidate had won the debate, it was an interesting discussion. As to whether the outcome of the debate will make a difference in the upcoming weeks of the campaign, only time will tell.

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personally to confirm the letter).

The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be dropped off at The Voice office in Ely Campus Center, room C-248, no later than 6 p.m. on the Monday before anticipated publication date.

The Angry Liberal

MOLLY COYLE
MANAGING EDITOR

Since my last article there have been two debates: one that happened the day the paper went to press (last Thursday) and one that happened on Tuesday.

The vice-presidential debate proved to be more entertaining than the first presidential debate the week prior. Having watched the sketches of Tina Fey impersonating Sarah Palin on Saturday Night Live I couldn't help but laugh at the caricature Palin has become. If you haven't seen these videos yet, whether you're a Republican or a Democrat, they're absolutely hilarious and I think anyone can really enjoy them.

Anyway, as I was saying, having watched these videos, Palin really felt like a character playing a part to me. Her accent seems to have gotten thicker as time has gone on and she seems to have gotten a little more unintelligent, which I didn't even think was possible. She even gave a "shout out" to an elementary school class during one of her speaking periods. Come on, really?

It was clear that, in preparation for this debate, the McCain camp had given her a list of topics that she had to cover during her speaking time and

therefore didn't directly answer the majority of her questions. It's true, she didn't trip walking up to the platform or start crying when Biden made tough accusations, but I think it's pretty pathetic to even try to claim that she did as well as Biden just because the expectations for her were so much lower.

Biden played his part well. He answered questions directly and thoroughly and it was visible that he had been coached as well. It would have been very easy for him to verbally maul Palin with his experience and general knowledge (both are areas in which she lacks) but he didn't. He also didn't have to put his foot in his mouth as many had anticipated he would do at some point.

As for the second presidential debate that took place in Nashville on Thursday, it seemed to be a whole lot of the same finger pointing and denying as it had been during the first debate. The heat was turned up a bit, probably because they actually had to look at and directly address each other, which is what they were instructed to do during the first debate.

For me, this debate was just frustrating to watch. McCain would accuse Obama of doing one thing and he would deny it and vice versa through most of the debate, and these accusations seemed to be about things that they either did or didn't do, so someone must be lying. Now, no

one has to explain to me that politicians lie. I get it. I just wish that with one candidate who rides the "Straight Talk Express" and the other candidate who promotes change (well, actually McCain jumped on that bandwagon too) that maybe just one of them could give some straight answers instead of pointing fingers and manipulating facts to try and impress voters. I can't speak for everyone but it definitely doesn't impress me.

Just a reminder: if you want to vote in this year's election, you must be registered 20 days before the election or by October 15th for mail in forms, in Massachusetts.

If you're already registered, be sure to pick up an absentee ballot if you're not going to be at home for the election November 4th. If you're not sure how to go about getting an absentee ballot or have any other questions about the voting process, visit <http://www.sec.state.ma.us/ELE/e-leifv/howabs.htm>. This website also has a printable absentee ballot form.

Be aware, be informed and get those absentee ballot applications in!

EDITOR'S DESK



Putting out a newspaper is a tough job. Despite being surrounded by the charm and good looks of Editors-in-Chief Jeff and Colby, working at The Voice is sometimes stressful.

That's why I want to take this time to thank those who have been supportive of our efforts. Thank you! We are working hard every week to bring you the best product we can, so stay tuned because it will only get better.

(Also, thanks to Jen at Jazzman's for providing me with delicious chicken avocado salads and french-vanilla coffees Monday through Wednesday.)

OH. For all you music lovers out there, you better get your asses to Man Man on Saturday. They're playing at Pearl Street for like, \$16 and they have an amazing live show so get on that shiz.

Deep wistful breath Isn't fall a lovely time of year? Reminds me of my youth.

Don't forget to check Buntology.com for all of your election / life coverage!

Angela Bunt
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Just Sex with Lauren Mattos

You know sexy readers, I'm almost mad at myself for picking the topic of "Friends with Benefits." Yes, a good number of college students have been or are currently in that type of situation. I have had great feedback this week from you guys, really. You guys and gals gave lots of thoughtful detail and it really helped me out, but one lady in particular gave me the best quote of all: "No." That's it. Just a flat out "no." And you know what? She's dead right. FWBs do not work. I'm sure there is a small percent of you people out there for whom it has, but honestly, in all of these experiences I have been reading, it just doesn't work.

Everyone has been telling me that the number one rule of FWBs is to not get emotionally attached. Basically, it is sex for sport. Now, I don't believe you need to be in love to have sex, definitely not at all. However, looking at all the responses, it seems like the whole scenario is way more trouble than it is worth. Beyond not getting attached, there are all of these other rules, such as being sure your FB (unless you didn't figure out what the "F" here stands for,

it rhymes with duck) is screwing only you, maintaining a friendship as well as a sexual relationship, breaking it off if it gets too heated, etc. I could go on and on.

Now I ask you this, people: Why the hell would anyone subject himself or herself to this? The second I came on to the bulletins, it was like I this flashback to middle school where every little thing had a silly rule. It's just too much. Sex has the ability to complicate a serious relationship; is it worth it to complicate a friendship as well? Another beef I have with these shenanigans is that you never, ever know what the other person is thinking, and call me crazy, but that scares me.

Here's a hypothetical: You and your buddy decide to become FBs. Great. Everyone is happy. You get down to the deed and wow, it's hot, except that you notice your FB has the most grotesque "O" face you have ever seen. I mean really, this shit is awful. But you're a sofie; so after awhile you come to get used to it, nay, love this sickening display of climactic pleasure. So now you're attached, and you're sure your FB must feel the same way. Wrong. They already have someone else enjoying their nasty

"O" face. What? You were just FB's, it's not like you were in a relationship or anything.

Okay, obviously I am just being silly and had way too much caffeine this morning, but in all seriousness, it just doesn't work. I know I usually don't offer my opinions in the article and leave it up to everyone else to give me info, but here I feel I have to let it out. Even if you have not had a personal experience with the FWB situation, how many of you actually heard of this working out for anyone? Sure it's good for a while, but someone always gets hurt. Sex is great, but would you really go through all of that just to get laid?

Folks, whatever happened to masturbation? I mean, really? Roll down your shades; lock your door to avoid roomie awkwardness, and go to town. It's a much better option than ending up heartbroken for a silly reason. Okay, well that's my rant. Remember to join the Facebook group JUST SEX @ THE VOICE so you can contribute! Love <3

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Adventures from abroad

ROB MCGINNITY
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

Aloha Westfieldians,
Greetings from about
5,000 miles away. My name is
Rob McGinnity. I'm a sopho-
more and I wrote for The Voice
last year. I am currently in
Hawaii right now on the
National Student
Exchange program.
Reflecting on the past
month and a half has
been quite the trip. I
arrived in Hilo,
Hawaii on August 14th
after a fifteen hour
plane trip.

Before we
reached Hawaii, we
were required to sign a
piece of paper saying
we wouldn't introduce
new animals to the
island and that we
would leave the island
the way we found it. I
finally arrived at the
Hilo airport and had a kid 1 that
I had happened to meet on
Facebook, help me out with get-
ting me to the place I was going
to be living.

The first few days in
Hawaii were tough. Not many
people had moved into the build-
ing yet and there weren't many
places around the area to eat at
or do anything fun. My first

meal consisted of food I pur-
chased at the 7 Eleven a few
blocks away. I was staying in a
temporary room because mine
was not done yet so this meant I
had no silverware, couldn't
unpack, and had nothing to heat
my food in. My options for food
were limited, so knowing me of
course, I spent forty dollars at the
store on nothing but junk
food. When I returned home

for real food and settled in quite
nicely.

School didn't start until
two weeks after I arrived in
Hawaii. The first week was
pretty much vacation and the
second week I had orientation,
which was a week long. It took
up little of the day. I got a Hilo
Vulcan's shirt, and it was a good
way to meet other kids. I also
got introduced to the students

that were also on
the NSE pro-
gram. I appreci-
ated how the
University of
Hawaii at Hilo
ran their orienta-
tion because I
was curious from
the standpoint of
being an orienta-
tion leader
myself at
Westfield this
summer. They
did a good job,
but they weren't
up to Westfield
State College's



Beautiful scenery of Hawaii.

-Photo by Rob McGinnity

and got ready for bed it came to
my attention that little bugs had
invaded my mattress. I therefore
decided to spend the night on the
couch.

The days got better
from thereon in; I was moved
into a room that had a bugless
mattress and had roommates.
The week after I went shopping

level.

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EDITOR'S DESK



Apparently things that I request in this box come true. I requested recycling bins last week and what do I see in Ely? Bins of recycling!

With that said I would like a Wendy's, second Dunkin Donuts and ALCS tickets. That is all.

I kid, of course. It is nice to have recycling bins, though.

On another note, I would like to challenge those who criticize this paper. If you have the intestinal fortitude to complain about something in this paper, at least have enough to write your name.

This is not a blog everybody! We write things and we put our real name, so if you're gonna bitch, put yours.

Until next week... peace everybody...

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Why You Should Vote "Yes" on Question 2

ANDREW JOHNSON
VOICE REPORTER

November 4, 2008
marks a special day where you
have the opportunity to go out
and vote for a candidate who
you feel should be the next pres-
ident. At that time you will also
have the chance to help pass
Question 2 into law - a ballot
initiative that will decriminalize
the possession of small amounts
of marijuana in Massachusetts,
by removing the threat of jail
time for possessing an ounce or
less of marijuana for personal
use.

Question 2 will save the
commonwealth millions of dollars
in police resources each year
and end the unjust policy of
penalizing Massachusetts' resi-
dents with a lifelong criminal
record, known as a Criminal
Offender Record Information
report (or CORI), for this minor
infraction.

Decriminalizing doesn't
mean you can walk the streets
smoking a joint (not yet).
Instead, being in possession of
an ounce or less of marijuana
would only be considered a civil
offense, rather than a criminal
offense. The penalty would be a
citation for a fine of \$100. That's
it. Obviously growing, selling,
and of course, driving under the

influence would still be consid-
ered a criminal offense.

Although this initiative
is easing the penalties of posses-
sion of small amounts of mari-
juana for adults over 18, you can
argue that it is also making the
laws stricter for anyone under
18. If a juvenile is caught pos-
sessing an ounce or less of mari-
juana, their parent or guardian is
notified of the charge immedi-
ately and then is given the cita-
tion. In addition to the fine, they
must complete a drug awareness
program and perform 10 hours
of community service within one
year. It's a harsh, immediate con-
sequence that won't prevent an
otherwise good kid from getting
jobs or financial aid in the
future.

If you have never used
marijuana you may be asking
yourself why you should care.
You should care because
Massachusetts' taxpayers spend
over \$29.5 million a year on the
arrest and booking of individuals
caught possessing just an ounce
or less of marijuana. (It's good to
know that your tax dollars are
being well spent).

In Massachusetts, over
7,500 people a year are arrested,
charged and receive a criminal
record for the personal posses-
sion of an ounce or less of mari-
juana. This also may inhibit an
individual's ability to find work,
housing and student loans

among other things.

There is no sense in
prosecuting individuals for pos-
sessing small amounts of mari-
juana. All it does is clog up our
overburdened criminal justice
system. It also infringes on the
civil liberties of those having a
harmless token and provides an
easy avenue for law enforcement
personnel to create a criminal
history to an undeserving citi-
zen, often a young person, who
merely looks like trouble to a
cop.

This initiative isn't
about whether or not you have
used marijuana. It is about
changing a harsh law that can
ruin good people's personal and
professional lives, as well as
waste millions of taxpayer dol-
lars.

Hopefully, you've
already registered to vote. If
you're lazy and have not done
so yet, you can do it online at
www.sec.state.ma.us or at
www.declareyourself.com

Note: To peahods who
just read this article because
they got excited when they saw
marijuana in the story (which is
perfectly fine). Do not space out
on voting day! It's November
4th, 2008! Register to Vote!

The Freshman Experience

by Mary Cafferty

I would like to turn my
column this week into more of a
list: a list of ten things that I've
discovered over this month-long
foray into the magical foreign
land we like to call college.
Since I've gotten to college...

1. I've turned into a noc-
turnal creature. It is now reason-
able to go to sleep at 1 a.m., 2
a.m., or even on the rare occa-
sion, 3 o'clock in the morning.
2. I've grown a whole
new appreciation for home-
cooked food and having a
kitchen available at any time of
day. I've also discovered how
much I miss making cookies or
bagels at ridiculous times of
night.
3. Related to #2, I've
eaten an entire box of Cheerios
over the course of two days.
(Milk not included.)
4. I've discovered Ruckus
and it's probably the best thing
to ever happen to my life (free,
legal music downloads; is there
anything better than that?). It's
free to sign up - all you need is
your college e-mail address.
5. I've gotten lost going
into the wrong side of Ely and
was about 20 minutes late for

my first Intro to Mass
Communications class.

6. I've learned to miss
sharing a shower with just four
other people.
7. I've successfully avoid-
ed going to the gym and learned
to rationalize this fact with the
stairs in my building. The
thought process goes something
like this: "Well... I've climbed
up and down the stairs to the
third floor at least nine times
today. Do I really need to go
work out now?" The answer is
invariably, "No."
8. I've discovered the
creepiest vacant mail-room I've
ever seen in my life. Horror
movies have been made in there,
I swear.
9. I have consumed mas-
sive amounts of coffee.
10. I have restrained
myself from throwing my Math
Explorations Rubik's Cube out
my third floor window. Have
you ever tried to do one of
those? Describing them as frus-
trating is being nice.

EDITOR'S DESK



Columbus Day weekend is rapidly approaching and like most of the campus I will be heading home for the first long weekend of the semester. We will not be putting out an issue next week due to the short week but we will have our weekly meeting next Thursday (10/16) in Ely 242. Jeff and Angela will have to be in charge of the meeting because I will be at Fenway for game five, barring a sweep.

Last week I made my ALDS predictions and I was 2-2, as I picked the Red Sox and Phillies to win in 4. This week I will make my LCS predictions including MVP. Enjoy.

NLCS - Dodgers vs. Phillies
Dodgers in 7
James Loney MVP

ALCS - Red Sox vs. Rays
Red Sox in 6
Jon Lester MVP

Enjoy the playoffs and have a fun and safe holiday weekend.

Song of the Week: The Flaming Lips - Yoshimi Battles The Pink Robots

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UPCOMING SHOWS IN NORTHAMPTON

@ The Iron Horse

Saturday, October 11th - Erin McKeown/Mark Geary - 7pm, \$20

Sunday, October 12th - Tuck and Patti/Judith Owen - 7pm, \$25

Thursday, October 16th - Tony Trischka's Territory - 7pm, \$20

@ The Calvin Theatre

Sunday, October 10th - The Black Crowes 8pm, \$41.00

Tuesday, October 14th - Lindsey Buckingham 8pm, \$45.00

@ Pearl Street

Saturday, October 11th - Man Man/Tim Fite 9pm, \$15

Sunday, October 12th - Sevendust/Taproot/Allyria/Dear Enemy/ Medicated - 7pm, \$25

"Rocky Horror Picture Show" plays at Tower

SARAH SCHERER
VOICE REPORTER

"F*ck the back row! F*ck the front row! We F*cked you first! We F*cked you harder! We made a video! We put it on the internet! My mother saw it! Your mother was in it!"

I watch, fascinated, as a young virgin stammers, "Oh, god, doc," in her best imitation of Bugs Bunny having an orgasm.

This is a normal Saturday night at 19 College Street, South Halley at the Tower Theater.

Every Saturday, at midnight, the Come Again Players perform at midnight showing of "Rocky Horror Picture Show." RHPS is a movie which some call horror, others call comedy, and almost everyone calls a train wreck.

The 1975 cult classic musical starring Tim Curry as a transvestite alien from Transsexual, Transylvania is still performed on a regular basis, even over twenty years later. The movie plays on a big screen, while the players silently act it out in front of the screen.

The movie contains a huge selection of rock songs and a cast including Meatloaf, Susan Sarandon, and Barry Bostwick.

The movie did not do very well when it was originally released, but gained cult status

after people began to see it repeatedly and shout responses to any and all dialogue from the movie, mostly insulting the characters, vulgar sex jokes and pop culture references (Meatloaf shows up dead: "His name is Robert Paulsen!").

Everywhere, these midnight showings happen and people dress up, shout at the screen as well as throw things, dressed in skimpy sexy costumes.

When you arrive at the theater, after buying your ticket, you are given a "crap kit," which means a plastic bag containing items to throw straight up into the air during certain parts in the movie. These items include rice, rubber gloves, toast, and a party hat.

Doing the "Time Warp" in the aisles is only one highlight of the experience. If you have never seen a live showing before, then you are what's called a "virgin." If you are willing to participate in the full experience, you will admit to the lady at the ticket counter that you are a virgin, and allow her to draw a V in lipstick on your forehead. This will allow the players to locate you as a virgin, and humiliate you in front of everyone else.

One way to do this is to line all the virgins up on stage sideways, and have them squeeze together tightly. The players will then insert a wacky noodle through the back person's legs, and only by thrusting and

squeezing forward can the virgins pass the wacky noodle through all of their legs in the "receiver," at the end.

Another common practice is that the virgins will name their favorite TV character. Then, one by one they are forced to imitate what they imagine that character would act like while they orgasm.

The responses shouted out to lines from the movie originally started out as being ad-libbed, but are now refined and tight like a regular screenplay. For example, whenever the character Brad Majors appears on screen, the audience must shout out, "A-sh*le!"

All in all, there is such a unique culture surrounding this movie, one that you can only fully appreciate by coming yourself. Visit the website at <http://www.comeagainplayers.org/RHPS/Home.html> or just go to the Tower Theater at 19 College Street in time for the midnight showing on Saturday nights. It's about a twenty to thirty minute drive from Westfield.

At the very end when the cast shouts out, "Thanks for coming!" You can yell out loud with the other audience members, "I came twice!"

"Ghost Town" Review

MATHEW GOSCIMINSKI
MOVIE CRITIC

"Ghost Town," directed by David Koepf and written by Koepf and John Kamps, is a movie that you feel kind of silly buying a ticket for. Not necessarily because it looks bad, but personally I think the title is a bit cheesy. It makes me feel like I'm saying, "Hi, I'd like two tickets for this stereotypically quirky slice of heartwarming comedy, please." Though aside from my gripes about the title I thought it was a pretty good movie.

The film stars Ricky Gervais, creator of "The Office" and my driving reason for seeing the movie. He plays a prickly dentist named Bertram Pinkus. Pinkus dies during a routine surgery, is revived, and leaves the hospital with the ability to see dead people who want favors.

The storyline is reminiscent of "The Sixth Sense," however it's executed in a comedic fashion very much dif-

ferent from said film. Greg Kinnear plays a dead guy who serves as the antagonist to Gervais, and Tea Leoni plays Kinnear's widow who is getting re-married. It's Gervais's job to sabotage Leoni's current relationship, lest he be forever bothered by dead people asking for favors. This is a pretty solid cast for a small comedy movie, I'd say.

For those of you who aren't familiar with Ricky Gervais, he not only created but starred in the original UK version of "The Office" and is after whom Steve Carell's character is modeled. Gervais also had a hilarious HBO show called "Extras," which is worth checking out.

Gervais has a very unique brand of humor which translates well in "Ghost Town." Had anyone else been cast his role I don't think I would've enjoyed this film as much.

While I had a good idea of where the story was going, writers Koepf and Kamps did a very good job of getting there, and although I hate to admit it, it

had some emotional elements to it which warmed the cockles of my heart at times. It's one of those comedies that you don't expect will hit you with those heartfelt moments, much like "Click," or "Stranger than Fiction." You'll laugh a lot and then be surprised at the heartstrings the movie is able to pull.

I think that more character development would have

furthered the emotional impact in the story. By relating to the characters more I would have been more invested in what was happening; however, the distinct brand of Gervais's comedy made up for this shortcoming. If you're looking for a comedy to enjoy on a \$6 movie night I'd say "Ghost Town" is your best bet. Unfortunately most of the other stuff in theaters at the moment is crap. It certainly isn't an epic showing that will win awards, but it's a solid little comedy to enjoy on a slow night. My numerical value ratings system calculates it at 8000/10000. Or just an 8/10 for you who can't count that high.

Presidential Election 2008

Obama on the Economy



Where WSC students stand:

What do you think about Obama's economic plan?

"It sounds good. I am no economist but I am about to try anything that isn't Bush. I have to say I don't quite know how either candidate is going to pay for all the spending and tax cuts they are proposing."

-Alex Ross

"One thing I like about Obama is he is providing a reward for companies that stay in America, which will open up jobs and we'll be able to really build a good export system rather than be dependent on importing everything."

-Michael Cuddy

"While traditionally I take a conservative stance on economic issues, I believe that our problem cannot logically be solved with lowered taxes and the same redundant economic policies that have failed us for the past eight years. While I would like to see a total revamping of our taxation, spending and budgetary processes, I am currently pro Obama."

-Brandon Botto

Barack Obama and Joe Biden will enact a windfall profits tax on excessive oil company profits to give American families an immediate \$1,000 emergency energy rebate to help families pay rising bills. This relief would be a down payment on the Obama-Biden long-term plan to provide middle-class families with at least \$1,000 per year in permanent tax relief.

Obama and Biden will restore fairness to the tax code and provide 150 million workers the tax relief they need. Obama and Biden will create a new "Making Work Pay" tax credit of up to \$500 per person, or \$1,000 per working family. The "Making Work Pay" tax credit will completely eliminate income taxes for 10 million Americans.

Obama and Biden will create an Advanced Manufacturing Fund to identify and invest in the most compelling advanced manufacturing strategies. The Fund will have a peer-review selection and award process based on the Michigan 21st Century Jobs Fund, a state-level initiative that has awarded over \$125 million to Michigan businesses with the most innovative proposals to create new products and new jobs in the state.

- BarackObama.com

"I am confident about the American economy. But we are going to have to have some leadership from Washington that not only sets out much better regulations for the financial system.

The problem is we still have an archaic, 20th-century regulatory system for 21st-century financial markets. We're going to have to coordinate with other countries to make sure that whatever actions we take work.

But most importantly, we're going to have to help ordinary families be able to stay in their homes, make sure that they can pay their bills, deal with critical issues like health care and energy, and we're going to have to change the culture in Washington so that lobbyists and special interests aren't driving the process and your voices aren't being drowned out." - Barack Obama, Debate Transcript, CNN.com

by The Westfield Voice

McCain on Economy

As president, John McCain will work to ensure that money spent by Congress, and contributed by hardworking American taxpayers, is used wisely and prudently on legitimate national priorities, not squandered on wasteful pet projects and special interest earmarks.

American families rightly expect the government to wisely manage the dollars they send to Washington. As responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars, the federal government must respect the bottom line, just as families do when balancing their own checkbooks.

As president, John McCain will not just talk about fiscal discipline, he will exercise it. The practice of excessive borrowing and deficit spending in Washington must stop. To do otherwise robs the American people of their right to responsible government, and places on future generations of Americans the burden of paying the bill for today's waste and indiscipline.

- *Nationalplatforms.com*

"Now, I have a plan to fix this problem and it has got to do with energy independence. We've got to stop sending \$700 billion a year to countries that don't want us very -- like us very much. We have to keep Americans' taxes low. All Americans' taxes low. Let's not raise taxes on anybody today."

We obviously have to stop this spending spree that's going on in Washington. Do you know that we've laid a \$10 trillion debt on these young Americans who are here with us tonight, \$500 billion of it we owe to China?

We've got to have a package of reforms and it has got to lead to reform prosperity and peace in the world. And I think that this problem has become so severe, as you know, that we're going to have to do something about home values.

You know that home values of retirees continues to decline and people are no longer able to afford their mortgage payments. As president of the United States, Alan, I would order the secretary of the treasury to immediately buy up the bad home loan mortgages in America and renegotiate at the new value of those homes -- at the diminished value of those homes and let people be able to make those -- be able to make those payments and stay in their homes." -*John McCain, Debate Transcript, CNN.com*



Where WSC students stand:

What do you think about McCain's economic plan?

"I think it's good. He's an honest leader for the country that I trust."

-Joseph Lavato

"I think McCain is a long time player in the field of government and he portrays that he knows how the show is run. That show is still the same show Bush has been putting on and it's been a circus. If McCain thinks his economic policy is going to satisfy the middle-class American people by tossing us \$5,000 in tax cuts he is wrong."

-Maris Owczarski

"I'm glad John McCain is encouraging nuclear energy which will create 700,000 new jobs and also help with the energy crisis."

-William Cimino

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FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

Normally, this section of the paper would be filled with me ranting and raving about how much I hate things like Red Sox Nation and the Patriots or making jokes in poor taste about Donnie Moore or Tom Brady or talking about how damn fine Paula Creamer is how I'd give my left nut to be with her. Normally, I would do all of these things. Then someone named "Scratchy Throat" gave me a golden opportunity to make my week a little better.

I was sitting on my bed, racking my brain about who I could tear to pieces this week when all of a sudden there came a beam of light through my window, shining on my vibrating cell phone. A golden opportunity had come my way. My good friend, and one of the editors of this fine piece of Collegiate Journalism, gave me a call and told me about something peculiar in his mailbox. It was a copy of last week's issue of The Voice, marked all over in red correction pen to the point that it looked like Little Larry Sellers' report on the Louisiana Purchase that the Dude found in his car in the Big Lebowski. The culprit left a note with the corrected paper using the alias "Scratchy Throat."

Let's face it, The Voice hasn't been perfect this year. Everyone makes mistakes. There are typos in it here and there, but the paper is far from unreadable the way some people have made it out to be. Honestly, having been involved in a play at the college, having talked with athletes at the school and having worked on this paper, I can tell you the commitment to working

on The Voice full-time is just as big a commitment as playing a varsity sport, being a club president or being in a play for MTG or Black Box Theatre. If an athlete makes an error or someone forgets their lines, I sure as hell hope "Scratchy Throat" will point it out to them by saying things like "were you drunk when you learned your lines?" or "why would you be excited to play? You sucked."

Now what if someone came up to an athlete or an actor in college and did that? There would be an outrage, I hope. We all know, however, that those students are all under pressure and those students all have a lot on their plates with work and classes and their extracurricular activity. "Scratchy Throat" obviously doesn't feel that that is the case for students doubling as editors and columnists of a weekly college paper. That's easy and requires little to no commitment, right? Apparently.

This year The Voice has put out an issue every week except for the second week of school, without fail. Every Thursday there is a new copy of the student run newspaper available. You see, "Scratchy Throat," we don't have a staff the size of say, a UMass or a Columbia University where nearly, if not all of the participants, are journalism majors. Here we string together what we can in a limited amount of time, collecting pieces from students from all different majors to build this paper. The editors work very hard and are focused on putting out the best paper they can and sometimes, in all the stress of putting this thing together, errors

slip through the cracks. I'll tell you what, when you're done running in a million different directions during the week, you piece together a paper which includes submissions from students from numerous backgrounds, working with no set deadlines for their pieces, editing the entire thing, and getting it to press without making a couple of errors. We're not perfect and we're not always running on 10 hours of sleep when this is being put together. Another thing The Voice has viciously been attacked for is it "being a tabloid." This, in my opinion, is bullsh*t. The Voice has been accused of this because of articles like mine, the sex article and the student of the week profile on the front page. The thing people lose sight of is that A. This isn't the first time a volume of The Voice has employed tactics like this to attract readers and B. The majority of the readers of this college newspaper are get this COLLEGE STUDENTS! Who'duh think it. I know, but it's the truth. This paper gets distributed in college dorms, an on-campus Dunkin' Donuts and Subway, and at the entrances of academic buildings. It is a student run-paper for students and actually prints content that its audience would be interested in. The majority of college students, as reprehensible as it may sound to some old school, straight-edged staff members, are interested in sex and hearing about stories from their fellow students and learning from it or just getting a kick out of it.

This paper is also a free paper. This isn't something written by professionals to be paid for by its readers and to talk

about foreign policy. Its purpose is to report mostly on campus issues, which we have been diligently doing all semester, as well as reporting on local issues, which we've been doing to the best of our abilities. And let's face it, not too much happens in Westfield, Mass. Unless you want me to report about how ridiculously bored the Police Department in Westfield is that they need to harass every single law abiding motorist in the town, especially college students, then keep your opinions to yourself or, dare I say, write an editorial voicing your displeasure with our paper. We'll be glad to run it!

Also, it is very impressive to me that almost every article printed this year has been written by a member of the staff or the student body. In the past, that has not been the case. One of the issues of having an open staff where anyone can write what they want is that not everyone wants to cover every feminist rally or oil spill or delay in bridge construction or whatever goes on locally, nor do we have the power to send someone abroad to cover a story about the war. Our staff doesn't have the man power to cover everything and the freelance work we get from students aren't usually hard news pieces, but it's a price we pay for keeping this newspaper a STUDENT paper.

And this one here is personally for "Scratchy Throat." I have no idea who you are and I'd be willing to bet you really don't have much of a clue of who the people behind the scenes here are and what kind of work goes into this. So we'd appreciate it if next time you

wanted to let your red sharpie run wild because you've got nothing better to do, think twice. Or, pull up a word processor and type up something all nice and formal like and send it our way (Thevoice@wsc.ma.edu) and we'd be glad to either run it in an issue or discuss your displeasure with our work one-on-one. Either way, this edited newspaper in The Voice mailbox is kind of silly, don't you think? Also, I pray to God that you, "Scratchy Throat," aren't a member of the staff. Seriously, a professional teacher going after a student run newspaper in this fashion is just embarrassing. And on top of that, not leaving your real name or any contact information is kind of cowardly if you ask me. If you think there is an issue, then tell us. Don't sarcastically and unnecessarily lay into our staff with childish comments all over one of our issues. If "Scratchy Throat" is a staff member, I think typos in a student run newspaper are the least of the school's worries. Conversely, if "Scratchy Throat" is a student: If the paper bothers you so much, write to us. Or don't read it. You have a choice, this isn't Communist Russia or Nazi Germany you dumbass.

As for me, I'm going to go and look through all of my text books, The Boston Globe, The New York Times and all of my favorite Novels and painstakingly circle over f*cking typo I can find because apparently, according to the mysterious "Scratchy Throat," A WORLD WIFOUT SPEELCHEK IS KAYOS.

Westfield Posts 3-0 Win At Mass. Maritime

BUZZARDS BAY, Mass.— Freshman Justin Laliberte (Easthampton, Mass.) scored a pair of goals to lift Westfield State to a 3-0

Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference men's soccer victory over Massachusetts Maritime Saturday afternoon at Commander Ellis Field.

Laliberte gave the visiting Owls (5-3-1, 1-1-1 MAS-CAC) the only goal they would need in the 21st minute of play for a 1-0 advantage at the break, and fellow freshman Tim Parsons (Buzzards Bay, Mass.) extended that edge to 2-0 in the 75th minute with an unassisted tally. Laliberte closed out the

scoring for the afternoon with his second marker that came with 2:43 remaining on a feed from junior Ben Berthiaume (Swansea, Mass.).

Senior Mike Thompson (Feeding Hills, Mass.) recorded the shutout win in goal for Westfield State with four saves on the day, while freshman Corey Cameron (Westfield, Mass.) also made four stops in net for the host Buccaneers (3-8-1, 0-3 MAS-CAC) as each team had 10 shots on goal for the contest.

Massachusetts Maritime will be idle until next Saturday afternoon when the Buccaneers travel to North

Adams, Mass. to take on MCLA in a MASCAC outing that begins at 2:00 p.m., while Westfield State heads to Babson Park, Mass. on Wednesday afternoon for a non-league match with Babson that begins at 3:30 p.m.

SCORING SUMMARY
WSC: Justin Laliberte (Unassisted) 20:31 1st
WSC: Tim Parsons (Unassisted) 74:42 2nd
WSC: Laliberte (Ben Berthiaume) 87:17 2nd

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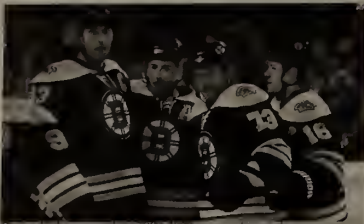
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Bruins aim for strong 2008-2009 campaign



Bruins look to open their 2008-2009 season this week.

CRAIG NARDINI
VOICE REPORTER

The Boston Bruins 2008-2009 season began on Thursday October 9th, a night against the Colorado Avalanche.

Regarded as irrelevant in the Boston sports scene since the 2004 lockout and the ridiculous trade of once thought to be franchise player Joe Thornton, this years team seems to be the best fielded in awhile. Game six of the playoffs last year against the Montreal Canadiens was one of the best in recent history, the

Garden was loud and packed to capacity to see two original six teams trade goal for goal and hit for hit. The Bruins won the game but ultimately lost the series in seven games to the top seeded Canadians.

That game along with a renewed sense of energy surrounding the team has brought back more fans to the organization and an excitement for the season to begin.

The majority of the players are back, anchored by 6'9 captain Zdeno Chara who was nominated for best defense-

men in the league last year with a career high 51 points while shutting down the opposing teams best players and quarterbacking the power play. Assist machine Marc Savard also returns to anchor the top line after ranking third in the league with 63 assists and a total of 78 points. He accomplished this despite being on an offense that was third worst in the league in scoring. He is joined by youngsters Phil Kessel, David Krejci, Milan Lucic, and Blake Wheeler. Also, the return of future captain and all around best offensive player Patrice Bergeron is a welcome addition to an offense that struggled last year.

Every Bruins fan remembers the devastating hit delivered by defenseman Randy Jones of the Philadelphia Flyers last year resulting in a grade three concussion and a broken nose. It was only the ninth game of the season and he never returned to the lineup.

Another noticeable acquisition in the off-season was former Canadian Michael Ryder who is projected to roam the wing along side Savard on the first line and power play unit. He

has amassed 25 goals or more over three of his first four seasons and is a proven goal scorer that will fit nicely into the offense.

The defense remains intact from the previous year with big bodied hitters and one legitimate puck moving offensive defenseman. Along side Chara, veterans Aaron Ward, Shane Knidy, Andrew Ference, and Andrew Alberts patrol the blue line.

Offensively gifted defenseman Dennis Wideman is the best puck mover of the pack but the team and general manager Peter Chiarelli seem to be trying to acquire another one, as soon as the start of the season possibly. Youngster Matt Hunwick is another option for an offensively gifted blue-liner but it is debatable if he will make the team or be sent to Providence for the start of the season.

As for the goaltending, all star Tim Thomas will get the nod for the start of the season. The 34 year old journeyman will be pushed hard from veteran and once elite goalie Manny Fernandez, acquired in a trade from Minnesota two years ago,

he injured his knee just eight games into last year and was lost for the season. He will battle for the starting job because it looks as if Thomas will be on a short leash to begin the year. Lastly, the coaching staff and front office is also the same as last year, GM Chiarelli and VP Cam Neely have made this team a contender again and are active as anyone when trying to acquire players. The best examples of this is the signing of Chara and Savard, and locking up Bergeron and key veteran forwards such as Marco Sturm and Chuck Kobasew to extensions.

Coach Claude Julien brings his defense first and strong forechecking style back behind the bench that worked so well for the team last year. Last years team surprised everyone by making the playoffs and pushing the Canadians to seven games. This year's team should be better than last and has enough talent to push for the Northeast division title. If injuries are avoided, unlike last year, this team could advance deep into the playoffs bringing even more people back to Bruins hockey.

Sox to face-off against familiar foe for ALCS crown

TERESA DOLLFUSS
SPORTS REPORTER

Monday night's victory against the Angels sent the Red Sox to the American League Championship Series once again. This time, their opponent is the Tampa Bay Rays, rather than the Yankees like it has been the past few years.

These two teams know each other all too well and have

a history, as some may remember the benches clearing brawl earlier in the season. During the regular season, Tampa Bay won the season series vs. the Sox 10 games to 8.

The Rays are a much improved team this year, as everyone has noticed. They went from bottom dwellers in the East year after year, to taking the American League East title. Clearly this will be an interesting and exciting series to watch.

As for the matchup,

here's how I see it. The Red Sox have some hot bats in the lineup which could obviously prove to be useful in the series. However, the Rays have been good about keeping runners on base from stealing.

Tampa Bay has some decent bats in the lineup, but that's not what I would be worried about if I were the Red Sox. The Rays have a very good running game when they get on base, leading the league with 142 stolen bases during the season.

Unfortunately, the Red Sox didn't have the best record of catching runners trying to steal.

The Rays also seem to struggle against left handed pitchers, which should make the Jon Lester matchup interesting. Another interesting matchup will be Jason Bay and Evan Longoria. Bay and Longoria are one of each team's best hitters, and in the late innings it could be down to these two.

Home-field advantage goes to the Rays during this

series, unfortunately. So if the series goes the full seven games, four of those seven are at Tropicana Field. It's a bummer to Sox fans because we all love to see our team play at Fenway.

The first game of the series is at Tropicana Field on October 10th and game time is set to start at 8:37 PM on TBS. Red Sox faithful, watch the game and enjoy!

Round Table: Who do you want to see in the World Series?



Jeff Dale

I hate to say it but I'm rooting for the Dodgers to make it to the Series along with the Red Sox. It kills me to think of what a kind of revenge Manny, Nomar, Lowe, and the owners of the Dodgers (who lost out on the Red Sox sweepstakes all those years ago) could get. It would be an epic matchup though, one I'm sure would go at least six game. In other news I'm extremely jealous of Colby. He has tickets for game 5 of the ALCS. Should be a great game. After all, there is only one October! Free plug MLB... send me to the ALCS... Please?



Colby Henderson

I'd love a Red Sox/Dodgers matchup. I would love to have Manny walk off the field at Fenway with his tail in between his legs after being defeated in game 7. That would be the perfect situation in my mind. I also love the idea of Lowe, Nomar, Manny, and J.D. Drew playing their old teams. Also, it would also be nice to beat Torre on the big stage for once, rather than just the ALCS.



Matthew Castonguay

Dodgers and Red Sox would be nice but I think it's going to be the Phillies vs. the Rays. Phillies will lose to the Rays in 7 and Gabe Gross will be the World Series MVP.



Patrick Dayton

It's October I'm from New England of course I want to see the Red Sox play in the World Series. What a story that would be, the defending champions marching back to the fall classic battered and bruised and without Manny Ramirez. For the National League I would like to see the Phillies make the fall classic. Manny aside, the Phillies have an interesting team that is a mix of talent and grit. Jimmy Rollins has paid his dues and in my opinion should be rewarded with a trip to the World Series. I believe the Red Sox will beat Tampa in 7 and the Phillies will take the NLCS in 6.



Austin Hall

Obviously, I would like to see the Red Sox in the World Series since they are my favorite team. I don't care how many titles they win, they're my team and I want to see them in October or I'm not watching. For the National League, I want to see the Dodgers so that Manny can be booed out of Fenway like he deserves. But also, I really want to see Nomar get a standing ovation in front of the Fenway Faithful. He is a red Sox great and deserves his due. Furthermore, how exciting could a Rays-Phillies matchup really be?

Your Weekly Horoscope

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

Your body is being super-charged by the current planet positions. Not only that, but it recharges your brain too, awakening the life passions within you. With chart energy like this, you can succeed at anything you set your mind upon. Best of all though, it's perfect for love, romance and showing others how you really feel inside.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

This is one of those weeks where everybody seems to think you're the greatest thing out there at the moment. It's important that you stay on track and focused on accomplishing your objectives.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

Your chart energy is being directed at your workplace this week. It's there to remind you to keep it all in perspective so you don't become petty or picky with others. Romantic encounters are likely.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

Your week starts out with more of a fun and playful quality, but within a couple days you'll see it's time to get organized and focused on the tasks at hand. The idea here is to work your way down the checklist of things that need to be done.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

During the first part of the week, it's easy to see what needs to be done. So this is a great time to make your battle plans because as the week goes on, your imagination kicks in and gives you all kinds of ideas of how to accomplish your objectives in a fun, playful and even romantic way.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

As the week rolls on, your mind becomes super focused and you'll know exactly what you need to do to ensure your future prosperity and abundance. However, others tend to need you at this time too. It's about knowing when to help and when you must say no.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

You'll have the "midas touch" as this week begins. This is the time to handle your financial transactions. It's a great time to buy or sell, as you instinctively know what has true value. Toward the middle of the week, the energy shifts to a more relaxed and social time.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

You start the week in your power cycle of the month. So the idea is to get up early and get as much done as possible while the planets are giving you the advantage. As the week goes on, the energy will shift making the financial and material world much clearer.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 23)

Your psychic awareness is at its peak levels as you start this week. Pay close attention to those thoughts and feelings that appear in your head. Toward the middle of the week, you enter your high cycle of the month, and this is the time pull out all the stops and take risks.

Libra

(September 24 - October 23)

Sometimes the hardest thing is to keep trusting your gut instincts and move forward when it seems everybody is trying to convince you to give up on your dreams. This is not the time to give up or to turn away. Everything changes midweek when you enter your high cycle and your personality shines brightly.

Scorpio

(October 24 - November 22)

You've gained the focus and attention of others. All eyes are upon you waiting to see what you'll do next. Others need you to rise up and take the lead. This can be the biggest turning point in your life.

Sagittarius

(November 23 - December 23)

Your chart is rockin'. Not only that, but it's going to keep getting better and better too. That's where the danger is, because it's at this time when it becomes very easy to allow for minor moral or ethical slips.

*Horoscopes by weeklyhoroscope.com

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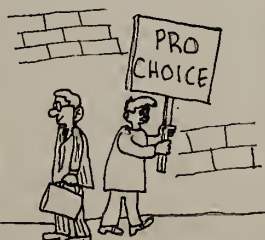
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Long weekend!



Faceless and nameless cowards.

Fri**10/3**

Theatre Arts: Set Builds,
Rehearsals, ETC.
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Black Box

Intramurals
10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Parenzo Gym

CCWP: Friday Night Poker
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Ely Main Lounge

Sat**10/4**

Theatre Arts: Set Builds,
Rehearsals, ETC.
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Intramurals
12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Parenzo Gym

Field Hockey vs Plymouth State
3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Turf

Sun**10/5**

Theatre Arts: Set Builds, Rehearsals,
ETC.
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Black Box

Mass
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Interfaith Center

Mass
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Interfaith Center

Mon**10/6**

Theatre Arts: Set Builds,
Rehearsals, ETC.
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Black Box

Casino Night
7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Ely Main Lounge

Monday Evening Jazz
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Ely Main Lounge

Tue**10/7**

Intramurals
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Parenzo Gym

Speaker: Mr. Christopher Hitchens
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Woodward Center

Intramurals
8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Turf

Wed**10/8**

Theatre Arts: Set Builds,
Rehearsals, ETC.
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Black Box

Intramurals
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Parenzo Gym

Men's Soccer vs Trinity
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Turf

Thu**10/9**

Theatre Arts: Set Builds,
Rehearsals, ETC.
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Black Box

Intramurals
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Parenzo Gym

Town Meeting
2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
333 Garden Room

Hours Of Operation

Dining Commons

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-8:00p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 8:00a.m.-1:30p.m. & 4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.

*Cyber Cafe located in the Dining Commons is open 24 hours with limited self service

Subway

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-11:00p.m.

Saturday 12:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

Sunday 12:30p.m.-11:00p.m.

Dunkin Donuts

Monday-Thursday 8:00a.m.-9:30p.m.

Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 7:00a.m.-12:30a.m.

Quixotes

Monday-Thursday 8:00a.m.-9:30p.m.

Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

Jazzman's Cafe

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-11:00p.m.

Saturday 12:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

Sunday 1:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

Pandini's

Monday-Sunday 8:00a.m.-12:00a.m.

Pub

Friday & Saturday 8:00p.m.-2:00a.m.

Garden Cafe

Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

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Alumni Weekend skydiver



A skydiver drops down before the football game during Alumni Weekend. Photo by Hugh Mailley

WSC campus unites for a worthy cause

ANGELA BUNT
LAYOUT EDITOR

With generous support from the Westfield State College community, Kathy Larimore, an employee at the school, is working to raise money for a worthy cause.

Ardazan Dennis Jr. is the 10-year-old son of Ardazan Dennis (nicknamed A.D.), an employee at Westfield State. Ardazan Jr. was born with a congenital heart defect. After several years of unsuccessful surgeries he is in need of a heart, and is currently a patient at Children's Hospital in Boston awaiting a transplant.

Larimore, the chief steward for AFSCME (American Federation State Community Municipal Employees) Unit Two, first heard about the Dennis Family's financial hardships through an employee at work.

"A.D.'s son was in the hospital for a heart, but he didn't have enough gas money to go visit him," said Larimore. "A coworker began asking for donations. That's when I became involved."

Larimore said that A.D. works in her unit and she wanted to help one of her fellow members. "It should never come to, 'I can't go see my son because I don't have the money for gas, that's horrible.'"

Larimore began organizing a campus-wide bake sale in late September. Since that time she has been approached by the English Honors Society, students and various campus organizations all interested in helping.

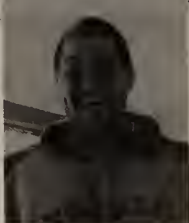
"The bake sale raised \$1,721," said Larimore, "and we've raised about \$200 in raffle tickets."

The raffle, which is being held on December 17th, is being run by Larimore with the help of Caroline and Michael Durand. The Durand's donated a Playstation 2 along with remote controllers and video games.

Lizz Dumas, co-president of the Communication Honors Society, organized a bake sale through

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WSC Student of the Week



Stats:
Brendan Sullivan, 21-year-old senior from Springfield, Mass.

Major:
Criminal Justice

What is your favorite article of clothing?
Cam Neely jersey, without a doubt.

If you could have any super-power what would it be?
The ability to grant my own wishes.

If you won the lottery what are the first three things you would buy?
-Pay off my mother's house
-I'd buy the Boston Bruins, because they're probably the cheapest at this point.
-A car because I don't have one.

What's your favorite meal?
Chicken wings. Or buffalo wings.

If you could sleep with anybody who would it be?
Amanda Bynes, period!

If you want to be the Westfield State College student of the Week, or want to submit a friend as Student of the Week, email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

Christopher Hitchens continues Guest Speaker Series

JEFF DALE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On October 14th, Westfield State College continued its Guest Speaker Series with renowned journalist and columnist Christopher Hitchens. It was held at the Woodward Center and approximately 500 students, faculty and staff were in attendance.

Famous for his great British wit, Hitchens has written for a number of media outlets including Vanity Fair, The Atlantic, World Affairs, The Nation, Slate, and Free Inquiry. Hitchens grew up in the United Kingdom, but is now an American citizen living in Washington D.C.

Hitchens received an honorary degree from school President Dr. Evan Dohelle.

"Christopher Hitchens to me is one of the most compelling voices in journalism today," Dohelle said. "He has been a remarkable commentator and speaker by anyone's measure. Mr. Hitchens is rarely predictable."

icable. Never prone to cliché or political convention and his writing on the September 11th attacks, and on abortion have steered much controversy and debate."

As Hitchens took the stage he carried with him two things, his glasses and a glass of scotch. Referring to the glass Dohelle jokingly said, "This is not beer."

However, Hitchens quickly came back with his famous wit.

"I have already discovered that the apple juice of Western Massachusetts is the strongest I've ever tasted," Hitchens said.

Hitchens did not take much time getting down to business though. Taking questions from the crowd about topics stemming from the election to religion.

"You can't get me to leave while anybody wants to still ask a question," Hitchens said.

He first touched on his political affiliation since he was a younger man and how it has changed so much.



Hitchens explaining his political view point and views on religion Tuesday October 14th. -Photo by Hugh Mailley

"The bulk of my political life I was a socialist. In fact a Marxist. I only stopped doing that when I was writing my book 'Letters to a Young Contrarian.' When you get a letter of that kind you have to give your best reply. You can't bull-shit your students," Hitchens said. "I couldn't do it to the young and I felt it all falling away from me."

Hitchens said it made him ask himself could socialism really replace the capitalist system?

"I couldn't find it in myself to say yes to that," he said.

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New courses give downtown Westfield long-awaited facelift

KATRINA POWELL
VOICE REPORTER

It's time to ditch your calculators and protractors! That's right—there's a new math course, and it's recruiting all types of majors, not just students in math concentrations. Called "3D Community Planning," this new course is a spin on standard math classes. Students need not be frightened by the name; in fact, this new section of Math Applications is far from frightening—it's astounding! No more arithmetic. No square root of this, or X equals that. 3D Community Planning puts a fun and practical twist on math while involving applications of everyday ideas.

You may be asking, "what kind of math is it?" Well, I'll tell ya. I'm talking about math paired with geography and regional planning, math that allows the students to decide

how things should be. I'm talking about real life. In fact, so real that it involves the community surrounding us at this very moment. This one math class is bigger than you, bigger than me...why, it's such a big concept that it might even change history!

Now think about this: Have you ever stopped and noticed how desperately this quiet college city needs a facelift? Once you take a moment to actually absorb the deteriorating décor of downtown Westfield, you quickly realize what a change rejuvenation would bring. Now what if you could take a virtual tour of what downtown would look like after this long-awaited revamp? Better yet, what if these buildings in this tour were designed and modeled by Westfield State College students?

For several professors at this institution, they're making this dream a reality. On September 24th, a new project got the

green light to go forth and will be in full-force by spring 2009, offering courses to students in exciting new areas of study. In these courses, students will have the opportunity to create, design and model actual buildings in downtown Westfield. Using Computer-Aided Design (CAD) software called Google Sketch-Up, courses in both Math and Geography and Regional Planning (GARP) will teach students the skills to be able to complete a virtual model of downtown. With these models, professors at Westfield State hope to "spark redevelopment efforts" in order to better our college as well as our community.

In charge of this new development is Professor Julian F. Fleron of the Mathematics Department. Fleron explains that this course is vital in teaching students "how to take part in decisions about how their communities are built."

Fulfilling two core require-

ments, his course, Math Applications, will be linked with Stephanie Kelly's GARP, creating 3D Community Modeling. Unfortunately, this new course will be closed to students who have already taken a section of Math Applications. However, this will give those who are seriously interested a chance to grasp some new skills. Students partial to this area of study should contact either Julian Fleron or Stephanie Kelly for information and permission to enroll.

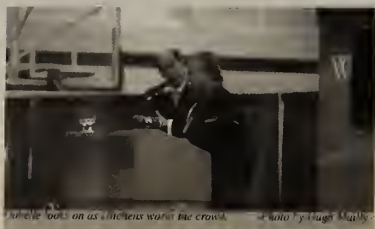
Students outside the majors of Math and GARP need not be afraid to enroll. Says Professor Fleron, "this is a universal course, and it can be applied to any and every major."

Once the project is completed at the end of the spring 2009 semester, approximately 50 major buildings in downtown Westfield will be virtually modeled and accessible for anyone to view through Google Earth. "What we're going to do is not

only model existing buildings," explains Fleron, "but...imagine what new buildings can be created for the college—dorms, a performing arts center, and so on."

Certainly this opportunity will create immense advancements for our community. The main objective of this project? "We're hoping to get the college and the community involved together...we want to help with the economic redevelopment of downtown Westfield," explains Fleron.

Want to get involved and become a part of Westfield's history? Make sure to save room in next semester's schedule for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. You can also read more about the courses being offered in the course bulletin. This is one prospect you absolutely will not want to miss! Plus, who wouldn't want to spend an entire class period playing around with Google? Sign me up!



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However, he was not shy about how much he missed supporting the socialist movement.

"It's an affection. It's almost like I'm missing a limb," he said. "I believe Marxism is a brilliant way of analyzing the origins of human society and methods of production, but that's as far as I'll go."

He said despite whatever leftist feelings he had when he was young changed after September 11th.

"I was sort of through with the left in a way before it made the colossal mistake, or most of it did, in September of 2001 effectively saying that the United States in some way or

another invited the attack upon its civil society. I had no sympathy for that," Hitchens said. However, even with his political view point changed he said a responsible person cannot vote for McCain/Palin.

"I've had upwards of 2000 emails from conservatives saying: 'You're right you can't vote McCain and it's idiotic.' Why is it idiotic? Well one of them is senile, one is moronic! To be blunt about it," Hitchens said.

"I've met John McCain a few times and sat and chatted with him. A nice guy. I've been horrified just what this campaign has done to him physically though. Very alarming! In such a case with mental or physical decline real a present danger it's very much incompetent of him

BUNT CONTINUED...

Lambda Pi Eta which raised over \$150, and Holyoke High School held a spaghetti supper earlier in the week to benefit the Dennis family.

The Campus Center Service Window is currently taking donations, and many people have sent donations directly to Ardazan Jr.

"I can't give you an exact dollar amount, but we're well over

\$2,000," said Larimore. Larimore said that the situation with Ardazan Jr. is a difficult one. "There's no set amount [for us to raise] because we don't know how long his son is going to be in the hospital," said Larimore. "It's not like the oper-

ation costs \$500 and we need \$500." Ardazan's mother, Jessica, had to quit her job in order to spend time in Boston, and A.D. has run out of sick time at work. Most of the money being raised will be used to pay for gas and food expenses accrued from traveling back and forth to Boston.

Besides spearheading several raffles and bake sales, Larimore also crocheted small red hearts for students to wear and one large heart to hang in Ardazan Jr.'s hospital room.

"When Ardazan looked at his heart it would remind him that everyone at Westfield State College was thinking of him," said Larimore, "and when A.D. saw students wearing red hearts he would know they were thinking of his son."

Larimore said that one of the benefits of being at a smaller

school like Westfield State is the family-like atmosphere it provides. "We always talk about a close-knit college," said Larimore. "It gives you such a warm feeling to know that it's like a family. That's what Westfield State is about, helping others to their time of need." Larimore also wants to stress how much she appreciates the generosity, concern and support of the students at the college. "There's so much negative attention on students, I wanted to emphasize the positive," said Larimore. "I'm very grateful to the students for their help."

If you would like to help with donations, ticket sales, or any other type of volunteer work, contact Kathy Larimore at 413-572-8766. Raffle tickets are available through Larimore or at the Campus Center.

he said them in such a witty and intelligent way that it was entertaining at the same time," Winer said.

Next to speak for the Guest Lecture Series will be Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Doris Kearns Goodwin. She will speak November 10th at 7 p.m. in Woodward.

"Some of his views were absolutely ridiculous, but

ing that he should retire and be taken somewhere quiet and soothing," Hitchens said.

Of the students in attendance was junior Keith Winer, who said despite Hitchens strong opinions he was very entertaining.

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Why you should vote "No" on Question 2

KRISTIN SHERWOOD
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I'm sure you have heard the apathetic American voice saying "my vote doesn't count" or "I don't care about politics."

If everyone thought the way, it could have a great impact on the United States. Also, it is true that politics is not for everyone; however, voting is. It is your choice and your obligation. It's up to you, so get out there on November 4th and vote!

Now that the motivational speech is over, it is time to discuss an important section of the ballot: the three questions. Of course Obama/Biden and McCain/Palin will be on the ballot, but there are also three questions that you must consider before you vote. One of these questions deals with changing the penalties from criminal to civil for the possession of an ounce or less of marijuana.

Instead of going through the criminal justice system for the offense, the person possessing the marijuana would be fined \$100. People caught with it under the age of 18 would also pay the \$100 but would be obligated to finish a drug awareness program. Their parents or legal guardians would be notified and the minor would have to complete 10 hours of community service along with four hours of instruction or group discussion on using marijuana, other drugs and on substance abuse prevention. If the person

who committed the offense does not go through the program, they can be fined further.

This sounds like a great idea to some, especially to students who are frequent users of the drug. There is definitely a strong argument out there that pushing people through the criminal justice program is costly and time-consuming and clogs up the system. But the criminal penalty is there for a reason. Marijuana is a gateway drug; it opens up the potential for using and abusing more harmful drugs. Keeping the laws as they are is what is best for this state because it keeps students out of trouble. People who were afraid of the law before would be more apt to use it. If the punishment is not as severe, more people will take the liberty to use marijuana more frequently. An anonymous WSC student claims "I'm going to be high all of the time" if the measure is passed. Making the possession of an ounce or less of marijuana a civil instead of criminal offense just encourages people to use the drug more.

Also, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, marijuana impairs coordination and balance, judgment, and attention and can affect driving per-

formance.

(<http://www.nida.nih.gov/ResearchReports>). Decriminalizing marijuana for people with an ounce or less can cause more people to use it and in turn, cause more driving accidents and other accidents that would not normally occur if the person was not under the influence of marijuana.

But what about kids who don't drive? Won't it be a better idea for them? Of course not. Does Massachusetts want to make it easier for kids to gain access to drugs? The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University reports that 10 million 12-to-17 year olds have the means to buy marijuana in a day and half of those can buy it within a few hours (<http://www.casacolumbia.org/>). Do we want to make it even easier for kids to purchase marijuana?

Do we really want to open Pandora's box to create the potential for drug users and dealers to make selling and buying marijuana easier? You can be the judge of that. Vote on November 4th and don't forget to vote on the questions—even if you don't vote "no" on question two!



Should marijuana be decriminalized? That's up to you come election day.
-photo by Angela Bunt

"Global Warming" a bad term

CORY ANDROS
VOICE COLUMNIST

The most sensitive subject that involves the environment these days is, of course, global warming. We (most of us anyway) have all heard the preaching from the environmental and climate researchers about the phenomenon and how it will be (cue scary music) "the death of our planet." And while many people agree with the scientific consensus, there are still others who are more than a little skeptical. Some of these skeptics believe that it is all a big farce, that there is no real threat to the earth or its inhabitants.

Is global warming a hoax? Some made up phenomenon by governments and climatologists across the world to scare us into using alternative fuel sources and buying hybrid cars? What exactly fuels this kind of radical belief? (Not that some environmentalists views aren't extreme either).

First of all, let's toss the "global warming" term. People hear someone utter "global warming" and they instantly believe that climate researchers are trying to tell us that the whole planet is going to heat up, from the Arctic to the Antarctic

and everywhere in between. The truth is that a complete global heating of the planet is impossible without some kind of orbital forcing. An orbital forcing would be a change in the tilt of the earth's axis (currently 22.5 degrees), a shift in the earth's elliptical revolution around the sun, or some other process related to the earth's relationship with the sun. If any of these things did happen they could certainly result in a complete global heating of the planet which, simply put, would mean the earth would have no seasons and climate would be the same everywhere.

Since orbital forcings such as these are unlikely to happen (especially in the near future) and would take many, many years if they did, let's get one thing straight: The whole earth can't heat up at the same time. That is not the way "global warming" works and that is precisely why it is a bad term. When the words "global" and "warming" are combined as such, people tend to imagine a fiery world filled with sunscreen and water parks.

So let's forget about "global warming." Let's just say that the average global temperature of the planet is in the process of rising a degree or two, which seems minimal but is

actually a very drastic change. That rise is inevitably leading to climatic changes throughout the world, hence the reason some places experienced record low temperatures last winter.

People hear about abnormal winter weather in the news and go "See, global warming isn't happening!" But what they don't understand is that freakish weather like that is the direct result of global climate change which is being enhanced by the rise in global temperature. Basically, increased global temperature = climate change = freaky weather (including cold winter weather).

So relax. We are not all going to fry because the global temperature is increasing. However, climate across the planet will change as the global temperature increases and the changes are going to include temperature rises, temperature drops, and all kinds of other crazy weather/climate-related stuff. Climate change is the real killer while the temperature increases are just the cause (which humans are causing or at least helping to cause).

So there could be blizzards in Texas next summer, and if there are (which is unlikely), it doesn't mean that "global warming" isn't "happening." Abnormal weather is proof that the climate

is changing at a potentially rapid rate and it will continue to change as long as the global temperature continues to

increase. That is what we should fear, not scientifically sanctioned hoaxes.



When trying to explain the problem Global Warming doesn't convey the problem.

McCain: a sensible candidate for voters

MATTHEW CASTONGUAY
VOICE REPORTER

If you believe the popularity poles right now, on November 4th the nation will elect the first African American President in our nation's history. As of October 22nd of this year, Democratic presidential candidate Barack O'Bama is ahead in the poles by 7% according to Realclearpolitics.com and that lead has been climbing. Here in Massachusetts, Barack O'Bama is ahead by 24% as of October 16th according to Realclearpolitics.com.

In such a liberal state as Massachusetts, its pretty clear which way the state will vote on November 4th, but it wouldn't hurt to know all the facts about the other guy, John McCain.

A few of the issues McCain is going to tackle are high gas and energy prices and food prices. Its no secret that every time you go to the grocery store or the gas pump, you're shelling out more and more money. On his website, johnmccain.com, it says that "John McCain believes we should send a strong message to world markets. Under his plan, the United States will be telling oil producing countries

and oil speculators that our dependence on foreign oil will come to an end - and the impact will be lower prices at the pump." Using American Oil has long been a topic for debate, seeing as our country not only has, but sells and trades our oil in the open market, yet depend heavily on foreign oil for our needs. Keeping American oil here would certainly lower energy costs at home.

Another major issue in the upcoming election is health care reform. His website states "Within a decade, health spending will comprise twenty percent of our economy" which is absolutely staggering. McCain plans to "bring greater affordability and competition to our drug markets through safe re-importation of drugs and faster introduction of generic drugs" according to the website. After the issues with Health Care in the country in the past, McCain's resolve to fix the issue is a welcome and much needed breath of fresh air for America.

Another issue which seems to never go away, is taxes. In an effort to bring more jobs to Americans, McCain plans to lower corporate tax rates by 25 to 35 percent, in order to make America look more attractive to big business. The high taxes on corporate America makes the country unattractive to businesses. With a lower tax rate, more companies will bring their business to

America and create more jobs for Americans. McCain also plans to ban new cell-phone taxes and internet taxes. McCain says on his website that he "will keep the top tax rate at 35 percent, maintain the 15 percent rates on dividends and capital gains, and phase-out the Alternative Minimum Tax. Small businesses are the heart of job growth; raising taxes on them hurts every worker."

One of the more interesting plans of McCain is aimed directly at college students. "John McCain is proposing a student loan continuity plan. Students face the possibility that the credit crunch will disrupt loans for the fall semester. John McCain calls on the federal government and the 50 governors to anticipate loan problems and expand the lender-of-last resort capabilities for each state's guarantee agency" according to johnmccain.com. McCain's plan to keep student loans regulated during the credit crunch is a big help for students who already struggle to pay ever increasing tuition costs at American institutions.

While many will be casting their votes for O'Bama and the Democratic party on the 4th, it still doesn't hurt to know what McCain will do for this country. Barack O'Bama will more than likely win the White House since people feel that this country needs a change of party at the top, not just a President.

The Angry Liberal

MOLLY COYLE
MANAGING EDITOR



On October 15, McCain and Obama met at Hofstra University for the final presidential debate, moderated by Bob Schieffer of CBS news.

From a viewer's point of view, I would say, "third time's a charm." This debate was much more engaging to watch and, in my humble opinion, allowed Obama to speak more directly to the American people, and really showed McCain's hostile side.

I watched the debate on CNN and the pundits afterwards, from both parties, seemed to agree that McCain came across stronger in the first twenty minutes of the debate but once the topic turned to Congressman John Lewis, it was all downhill from there.

McCain, who seemed to whine that the Obama camp had never apologized on behalf of Congressman John Lewis's comments linking the McCain/Palin negative and racist tone at rallies with that of former governor of Alabama, George Wallace, who was also a presidential candidate. Obama explained that his camp had denounced the remarks and mentioned Palin's lack of a reaction to the racist and angry comments made by supporters at her rallies.

"I mean, look, if we want to talk about Congressman Lewis, who is an American hero, he, unprompted by my campaign, without my campaign's awareness, made a statement that he was troubled with what he was hearing at some of the rallies that your running mate was holding, in which all the Republican reports indicated were shouting, when my name came up, things like 'terrorist' and 'kill him'; and that you're running mate didn't mention, didn't stop, didn't say 'Hold on a second, that's kind of out of line.' And I think

Congressman Lewis' point was that we have to be careful about how we deal with our supporters," Obama said.

From this point on McCain consistently interrupted Obama while he tried to talk, and even interrupted Schieffer a few times. The camera shots of each of their faces didn't help McCain either. CNN showed this split screen view for the majority of the debate, during which time the viewers could see the smirks, the furrowed brows and even see him muttering under his breath.

Despite the supposed points scored by McCain during this debate, the vast majority of polls from a vast assortment of liberal and conservative sites agree that Obama won, and I would agree with this statement. The way I interpreted this information was that this idea of "change" is really what many voters are looking for and an hot-headed politician is just old hat. Obama remained level-headed during the majority of the debate, even when McCain tried to pin him with his supposed friendship with "terrorist" Bill Ayers. Obama calmly explained how he knows Ayers and moved on to the next subject.

This debate was certainly the most interesting to watch from a viewer's point of view and part of this was because of the format (sitting at a round table together), and I think a large part of this was due to the great, tough questions posed by Schieffer. Although Obama started out a bit flat, as time went on he became stronger and looked calm, comfortable and level-headed next to McCain. There's a fine line between passion and anger and McCain stepped over that line just a bit too far.

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The Freshmen Experience

MARY CAFFERTY
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One thing I've noticed since I've been on campus here at Westfield is the level of involvement in politics and the high interest shown in the upcoming presidential election. I don't know about you, but I've never gotten very excited about politics. I've always had my own individual ideas but not being able to vote meant those ideas always just kind of sat there. But now I find myself getting into conversations about things I've never talked about before and finally putting my ideas to use in a good debate over politics. And more than that, I find myself re-thinking and re-evaluating my beliefs as I begin to defend them. Why do I think what I think and believe what I believe? It's something that's never been questioned to such an extent before.

This is the first election in which I am eligible to vote and most likely the first election that a lot of you are eligible to vote in as well. And what better place to be during such a momentous time in our country's

history than on a college campus? We are the voice of America. We are the new hope for this country. We can vote and we can make our voices heard. To me, that's so exciting.

Suddenly, it's not just words – we really can make a difference in a big way. I feel like I am a part of something here, something new, something big, something important. I finally count and so do all of you. We count as members of this democratic, free-thinking society and for a lot of us, this is the only presidential election we will experience while on campus.

We have a chance to put our ideas into action here. And the decisions that we make during this crucial period are going to affect our country for the next four years.

So in the end, it doesn't matter who you're going to vote for – the only thing that matters is that if you can vote, you do so. Everyone has opinions and everyone has ideas, so get out there and make yours heard by casting a vote.

Together, we count.

Adventures from abroad

ROB MCGINNITY
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

Aloha Westfield,

I have been in Hawaii for about two months and the lingo is a bit different than at home. As far as what I'm up to? My work load has been a little crazy lately and I just had to turn in a 10-page paper for a history class. On the other hand, I am getting certified for scuba diving. I've already done the class work and last weekend we did SCUBA in a pool. This Sunday we are going to the other side of the island for a real dive in the ocean. I'm pretty excited about it. I've got to go study for my Hawaiian quiz, but I'll leave you with some Hawaiian lingo I've picked up. Enjoy!

1. "Aloha"- Most known Hawaiian word inside and outside of Hawaii. It means hello, love, or goodbye.
2. "Mahalo"- It means "thank you" and is very commonly used around Hawaii. It can be found on "thank you for not smoking" signs and when I arrived at the airport, a woman said "mahalo" over the loud



speaker.

3. "Haole"- The term "haole" has several meanings depending on whom you ask. To most of the non-Asian tourists that visit the islands of Hawaii, it means foreigner or not a local. After you live on the islands for a while it typically becomes a racial, derogatory word for whites. It is true, Hawaiians call white people haoles especially ones that do stupid things. I haven't been called one to my face but I'm sure it's been said about me.
4. "Ya"- This is more of a style of language. I have noticed that Hawaiians say "ya" at the end of what they're saying. For example, "she's going to the party, ya?" or "You got a test today, ya?"
5. "Shoots"- This is a term that has got me all confused. It is like a universal meaning term. It can mean like "oh man," "bye," "see you later," or just a

word for something you don't have another word to say. I've heard it used in many different contexts.

6. "Bra"- Yes, Hawaiian do say bra. It's not a stereotype, they really do say a lot. It's pretty much an alternative for "dude," "man," or "dawg."
7. "Fire"- Fire is the equivalent to freestyling on the mainland.
8. "Crip"- Crip is a slang for marijuana, as in "Yo bra, you got any of that crip?" or "I got some crip I'm looking to get rid of."
9. "Hards"- This is the Hawaiian way of saying hard liquor. For example, "You wanna drink beers or hards tonight?"
10. "Cruise"- This means to chill or to drive around. Most commonly used to chill for example, "What are you doing tonight?" "I'm just cruising on campus right now," or "Yo, let's cruise to Ken's."

Just Sex with Lauren Mattos



When it comes to sex and relationships, one cannot deny all the rules, head games and subtleties that come with the too often emotionally-crippling package. However thanks to today's advanced technology, you now have infinite ways to break all the rules and just f*cking emotionally decimate a person!

I know what you're thinking; I should write advertisements for dating websites. Unfortunately for them, I am much too busy sticking my nose into other peoples business and writing a sex column in my pajamas.

mas.

We all know someone with a ridiculous or nauseating story about his or her experiences with online dating or even cyber-sex. Chances are, you probably experienced it for yourself. Most of the responses I got this week were horror stories of some kind, or just plain negative reviews on the world of cyber-lovin'. The biggest qualm everyone seems to have? You never know to whom you are talking!

It's a fact folks, I don't care how ripped his abs are in his Myspace picture or how her Facebook picture shows just enough cleavage, you never know who that person truly is. Here's a horror story that made me cringe from a lovely gentleman on the bulletins:

"I did find my last boyfriend on Myspace after he commented one of my blog posts, and we dated for almost four months. He seemed like a sweet, goofy, kind-hearted guy,

which he was initially. What I didn't know was that he was dropping out of school, had serious anxiety issues and was a serious cyber whore, skeezin' on other guys behind my back. Not only that, he broke up with me over a TEXT MESSAGE!! Completely inexcusable. What I figured out later was that you can create any personality you want online, but you'll never really know the real person unless you put the time in."

Thanks reader, we bow our heads in solemn grief of the murder of your valuable time by some scumbag.

Another important issue that was raised was the concern for one's safety. It's an excellent point because again, you never ever know to whom you are really talking. A popular site for people looking for casual encounters is everyone's favorite, Craig's List. Now I will admit, after a few drinks my friends and I have looked at this

section and had a good laugh, but a good amount of people on here are very serious about what they want. Now I'm not judging, if it's your thing, then go for it. However, you really have to be smart about this. If you decide to go through with something of this nature, do NOT jump right into the good stuff. First meet the person in a public place, and tell at least one person of where you will be, no matter how embarrassed you feel. It's better than your loved ones searching for you. Even with all these precautions, there are still tons of risks that are being taken. As the same young man with the story said, "I'm not a big fan of venereal diseases or ending up chained in someone's closet, never to be seen again." Amen, man-brother.

But it's not all bad people. If you are in a long-distance relationship, cyber-sex can be something that you both enjoy while longing for the real thing with each other. Another male

reader in a relationship gave a good insight on the issue: "There's several things exciting about it, I don't know about most people but I get excited when my partner tells me they're thinking of me, perhaps hands are wandering. The informality of it is not being spoken and just written words just lets your imagination run wild. Which of course lets other things run wild later." There you have it. You can get sexy with your partner in a different way and at the same time try your hand at the erotica genre.

Once again, I want to remind any of you that if you are going to meet an online friend in person, please meet in a public place and let others know where you are going. An orgasm isn't really worth being chained up to a radiator, unless of course you are into that sort of thing. Remember to join the Facebook group JUST SEX @ The Voice so your voice can be heard! Happy Intercourse!

Letters to the Editor

DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR VOTE.

Many Westfield State students took a brief moment out of their busy schedules this week to register to vote. MASSPIRG's New Voters Project registered over 520 students in the past months leading up to last Wednesday's October 15th deadline.

MASSPIRG student volunteers made it easy for students to register to vote. They tabled outside the Dining Commons and in the Wilson Commuter Café, made announcements in classes and even went around the dorms to register students at their doors. Registering to vote has never

been easier.

With such an important election coming up it was more crucial than ever to make sure that every college student was registered to vote. Students have to turn out to the polls this November 4th to show politicians that they are involved in what is going on in our country and politicians need to pay attention to them. The first step was registering to vote.

New that the registration deadline has passed, the New Voters Project will focus on getting out the vote. Educating students on why it is important to vote and encouraging them to show up to the polls is all in the plans. Also, an absentee ballot

party will be held for all students who will be mailing in their ballots and not going to the polls on Monday October 27th from 7-9 pm in Scanlon Banquet Hall.

MASSPIRG hopes to show that democracy only works when citizens participate. This includes students and young people. We have the opportunity to make this "the year of the youth vote."

Anyone interested in helping with MASSPIRG should contact sarahm@masspirg-students.org.

Sarah Mitnick
MASSPIRG Organizer

Letter to the Editor

SEAN KLAY
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Molly,

I wanted quickly make a few points about the 1st Presidential Debate, and last night's VP Debate.

In the debate last Friday, Obama's standard for success was not the same as McCain's, and I would argue Obama's standard was a lot lower; all Obama had to do was go out there and not get clobbered in having the 'experience' issue used against him, and look good, which I would argue he did. McCain had a far higher standard that was to demonstrate Obama's lack of experience, his overwhelming 'present' votes, and his many 'non-committal' remarks on the campaign trail, to show that Obama is trying to be 'all things to all people.' McCain came close to doing that, considering that Obama spent most of the night on the defensive and have to answer McCain's charges.

In last night's debate, the roles were reversed. All Palin had to do was look good, and to not come off as sounding dumb. Biden had to make sure he didn't steam-roll Palin or look like he was a sexist. I have to admit that Biden did a surprisingly good job and that he had a far stronger performance than Obama did last week. Palin was herself and consistent, which may not come off well here in the Northeastern US, but will play very well in the Midwestern, Southern and Western US. I would call last night very much a draw.

The real losers last night were all those TV pundits. Nearly every one of them predicted what you hoped, that Biden would 'mop the floor' with Palin, and that did not happen. I think the great comment of the night came from Chris Matthews when he said, "I guess we'll just have to wait to hear what the viewers thought." They were genuinely recovering from shock during the first few minutes following debate when what they wanted to happen didn't.

Also, there was one HUGE admission last night from Biden. Biden admitted that in an

Obama administration he would actually have a pretty big role, on par with a Cabinet member. That's a very unusual thing for any president to ask a VP to do. On top of that he also said that he would be the 'legislative point man' when it comes to pursuing Obama's legislative goal in Congress. In so many words, Biden just admitted Obama is inexperienced; that's something the Obama campaign has been working really hard to downplay. I seriously doubt you will see any coverage of that comment in the mainstream press.

The Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 has to be the worst piece of legislation in the history of the US. It is a pork-loaded Christmas tree which is now valued at \$700 million to bailout Wall Street and \$110 million of "bribes." It's a bad plan all around, and so far outside the purview of the Congress, that if this thing passes, you might as well stop teaching American Civics because the Constitution will have become a meaningless document.

However, voting against Question 1 would make to change in the way state income tax is generated, and workers would still pay a flat 5.3% income tax.

On the surface, it would seem very beneficial to the individual not to have to pay income taxes. Voting "yes" would mean more money for the taxpayer and less money for superfluous government spending. Massachusetts, with one of the highest levels of income tax in the country, would have to redefine essential state spending within the state and focus on spending that is most important to taxpayers.

However, there are also important reasons to keep the state income tax in place.

Eliminating the state income tax would eliminate nearly 40% of the state budget. That means less money will be available for public institutions such as emergency police and fire services, as well as medical services and, most importantly, education. That means less state money for state-funded schools such as this one. Additionally, less money would be available for public works projects and the maintenance of state transportation systems. In the event that the Massachusetts state income tax was repealed, the state would need to find funding for essential projects elsewhere, potentially driving up taxes in other areas.

In the end, it is essential to understand all aspects of the issue and in order to place a

well-informed vote. The 2008 Presidential Election is an important one. The economy is shaky and people are nervous as to the direction in which our country is headed. But your vote for a presidential candidate is not the only vote that matters. These additional ballot questions - four in total - will directly effect state government and, as with question one, be prevalent in our everyday lives as members of a state college. For those who wish to read up on the matter, further is available in "The Official Massachusetts Information for Voters" which can be obtained at the following website in an online format: http://www.sec.state.ma.us/5LE/elecpdf/IFV_2008.pdf

Question 1 on the Massachusetts Ballot: Income Tax

MARY CAFFERTY
VOICE REPORTER

It's almost time to go to the polls, and information on the presidential candidates is everywhere. It isn't difficult to find out who stands for what, and you can often hear people arguing about candidates stances on hot issues. Everybody seems to have an opinion.

It is unquestionable that the upcoming presidential election is an important one - it will have a direct effect on the economy, the situation in Iraq, and how we view our country for the next four years. For many college students, the election will also present a first time to actu-

ally exercise the right to vote, and many plan to do just that on such a monumental year. However, voting itself is far more important than just deciding on a presidential candidate to endorse. Also attached to the Massachusetts ballot are four questions that will have a huge impact on our everyday lives as citizens of this state.

One of the most important questions on the 2008 ballot is Question 1, which deals with the state income tax. As it stands today, Massachusetts has a flat-rate personal income tax of 5.3%. Question one proposes to eliminate the state income tax for Massachusetts. Voting in favor of Question 1 would eliminate the state income tax altogether by the year 2010.

EDITOR'S DESK



The leaves are falling, the weather is getting colder and midterms are upon us.

I'm sure all of you at WSC know what that means-- Halloween is coming!

Halloween, a holiday that didn't mean much to me during my youth, has become one of the most exciting times of year since attending college.

Living with five other chicks makes it hard to come up with an original costume. I'm competing with fairies, vampire slayers and God knows what else.

This year I've decided to be a vampire one night and a gypsy the other night. Basically any excuse to wear red lipstick and curl my hair. My roommate (the vampire slayer) and I are already choreographing fight scenes to bust out at parties.

After ordering my fake vamp teeth in the mail all I have left to do is buy the actual costume. Goodwill here I come!

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EDITOR'S DESK



Oliver Stone's Vision Thing: Bush, the Family

TY BURR
BOSTON GLOBE

Is there an easier target than a lame duck? "W," the first biopic ever made about a sitting US president, is either two years too late or 15 too early. George W. Bush hardly seems to matter anymore; attention has shifted to the two men who are vying to clean up the mess his administration has left behind. As it should. Who needs more Dubya taunting when there's work to be done?

The irony is that Oliver Stone is aiming for something rather different here, and the results still feel tentative. For his third "president" film (the others being "JFK" and the much-underrated "Nixon"), the lightning-rod director casts the life of the 43rd commander in chief as a peculiarly American tragedy: The story of a child of privilege who's also the family screw-up, whose aching need to prove himself to his father delivers his country into the hands of ambitious and predatory men.

Or, as the woman behind me said as the end-credits rolled, "I... I felt sorry for him."

Her confusion will be shared by many - partisans of the left will never extend compassion to George W. Bush and those on the right don't want this kind of sympathy - but it's a novel approach, and when it works, "W." can take your breath away. When it doesn't, you can feel Stone still working out his feelings toward the man. There's a lot of Charles Foster Kane in "W.," and some of Shakespeare's Richard III. There's also more than a little Oliver Stone.

Josh Brolin ("No Country for Old Men") plays the president, and it's an honorable performance, wholly lacking in cheap shots. (The soundtrack full of tinny pomp-and-circumstance tunes picks up that slack.) This Dubya is simple rather than simple-minded, a good old boy who acts first and thinks later, if at all. He's a decent sort, spoiled but likably cocky, and his biggest flaw is that he doesn't have the skills to articulate what's eating his insides out.

That would be his father, George H.W. Bush, played by James Cromwell ("L.A. Confidential") as a patient but peremptory blue-blood king. Dubya knows he'll

never measure up to Poppy's standards - so does Poppy and so do we; anyway, brother Jeb (Jason Ritter) has been anointed heir apparent - and the frustration turns him to drink, rebellion, God, and politics, in that order.

"W." unfolds in two collage-like narrative streams: The series of White House meetings in 2003 leading up to the Iraq war and flashbacks to the many stages of George W. Bush's past. The former are where Stone pulls out the stops, and they are marvelously comic works of pseudo-history, cobbled together from the published memoirs of those who were there.

The casting here is downright fiendish: Scott Glenn

dialogue that's the heart of the 2003 scenes, though. "Why?," he asks. "Why Iraq? Why now?" Stone provides the answer in the flashback scenes, as George the son spends years twisting in the patriotic son of George the father. Cromwell's Poppy isn't a thunderer - Barbara Bush (a live-wire Ellen Burstyn) is the emotional bad cop of the family - but it's measured, diplomatic distance is, if anything, harder to live up to.

"W." says W. would do anything to gain this man's respect, and after Saddam Hussein and the 1992 election humble the elder Bush, the prodigal son spends years planning his revenge. The tragedy, as Stone sees it (and he's hardly alone), is that the country and the world are still paying for our president's daddy issues.

Cheapjack Freudianism? Arrant fantasy? Certainly. Provocative and rudely entertaining? More than you'd think. Because "W." wants us to understand the man, though, Stone pulls his punches in ways that don't always work. I appreciate the movie's non-hysterical treatment of Bush's religious conversion - out of nowhere, Stone pulls Stacy Keach to play a composite revered figure, and the aging lion is unexpectedly touching - and Elizabeth Banks's gentle Laura Bush softens both the movie and its protagonist.

Yet the operatic tendencies that are Stone's strength and weakness as a filmmaker are muzzled here, and it may be that this psychodrama hits too close to home for a filmmaker known for his own struggles against a larger-than-life father. Late in the film, there's a ~~tragic~~ sequence in which Bush Sr. lets his wayward son have it right between the eyes, right in the Oval Office. It's a striking moment, but it doesn't carry the devastating impact - the Olympian fury toward one man's betrayal of family and nation - that it aims for. Stone's pity for his subject enables the film and hobbles it at the same time.

"W." shudders to a halt a few scenes later, its anger unresolved. Leaving the theater, you may have the sudden sense that, really, it is too early for this movie to have been made, as sharp and as complicated as some of its pieces are. Historical perspective takes years. So does therapy. You be the judge of which we'll be needing more.



as a fatuously double-talking Donald Rumsfeld ("The absence of evidence is not the evidence of absence, Mr. President"); Bruce McGill as a phlegmatic George Tenet; comedian Rob Corddry as press secretary Ari Fleischer; Toby Jones (the other Capote) as a mannikin Karl Rove; Dennis Boutsikaris, a schlumpy Paul Wolfowitz; Thandie Newton's Condoleezza Rice is the closest the movie comes to "Saturday Night Live" caricature, but it's a cruelly brilliant cartoon nonetheless, a symphony of awkward postures and nasal speech patterns.

Two of the president's men stand out: Secretary of State Colin Powell (Jeffrey Wright) and Vice President Dick Cheney (Richard Dreyfuss). The latter is a gray eminence on the sidelines until he has his Dr. Strangelove moment in front of a map of the oil fields of the Middle East, uttering the chilling (and wholly unsourced) words, "There is no exit strategy. We stay."

Wright's Powell, forever counseling caution, gets the

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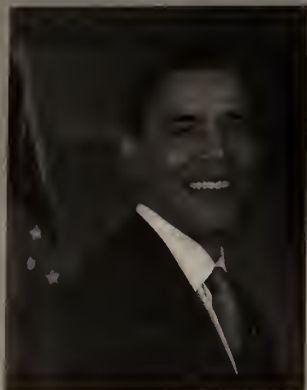
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Obama on health care

Q: Is health care in America a privilege, a right, or a responsibility?

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- *Lower costs for businesses by covering a portion of the catastrophic health costs they pay in return for lower premiums for employees.

- *Prevent insurers from overcharging doctors for their malpractice insurance and invest in proven strategies to reduce preventable medical errors.

- *Establish a National Health Insurance Exchange with a range of private insurance options as well as a new public plan based on benefits available to members of Congress that will allow individuals and small businesses to buy affordable health coverage.

- *Lower drug costs by allowing the importation of safe medicines from other developed countries, increasing the use of generic drugs in public programs and taking on drug companies that block cheaper generic medicines from the market

- *Reform the insurance market to increase competition by taking on anticompetitive activity that drives up prices without improving quality of care.

- *Promote public health. Require coverage of preventive services, including cancer screenings, and increase state and local preparedness for terrorist attacks and natural disasters.

- BarackObama.com

by The Westfield Voice

McCain on health care



Q: Is health care in America a privilege, a right, or a responsibility?

"I think it's a responsibility, in this respect, in that we should have available and affordable health care to every American citizen, to every family member. And with the plan that I have, that will do that. But government mandates I'm always a little nervous about. But it is certainly my responsibility. It is certainly small-business people and others, and they understand that responsibility. American citizens understand that." *John McCain, ontheissues.org, 2008 second debate transcript*

The McCain-Palin plan:

- *Achieve savings in Medicare without reducing benefits or eligibility. Common-sense reforms that will put Medicare on a path of financial stability and ensure access to quality care for millions of Americans.
- *Promote payment reform that allows us to move away from the current fragmented and volume-based service to a system which rewards coordinated and quality focused care.
- *Eliminate Medicare fraud and abuse to ensure that nearly \$60 billion a year, almost 10 percent of total Medicare spending, that goes to line the pocket of criminals instead of providing quality care for seniors.
- *Ensure that drug premiums for the wealthiest Americans are not being subsidized by the middle class.
- *Promote a new generation of treatment models that better manage chronic care conditions while rewarding prevention and wellness.
- *Greater use of Health IT and medical homes to promote greater co-ordination of care.
- *Reduce drug costs by allowing greater use of generics (including bio-generics).

-Johnmccain.com

EDITOR'S DESK



It's good to be back after our week off from the paper. We are editing away in the office right now while listening to Abbey Road, one of the greatest albums of all time. There have been times this week where the stress level has been pretty high but for now everything is great.

I'm pretty excited for Friday as me and Matt Castonguay are heading to Boston to see the Who, the greatest rock band ever. It is my third time seeing them, his first and hopefully not our last. Should be a great time.

Anyways, now that the Sox season is over and I was way off with my LCS predictions, as I had both the Sox and Dodgers facing off in the World Series, I will now root for the Rays in the series because they are a fun and exciting team to watch. I am not a bitter Sox fan, the better team won. I wasn't excited about the Pats going in to Monday night but you have to be impressed with the way they have played without Brady, Maroney, and now Harrison. They opened alot of eyes on Monday night by beating the Broncos 41-7.

Also, the editors and staff here at the Voice are interested in setting up a fund raising event to benefit Ardazan Dennis, Jr. and his family. If anyone has any ideas or would be interested in helping out please contact us at thevoice@wsc.ma.edu. Thank you.

Song of the week: John Mayer - In Your Atmosphere

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Man Man rocks Noho

ANGELA BUNT
LAYOUT EDITOR

Habits." Man Man played a couple more songs from Habits, and then busted out with the oldies.

There was no stopping in between songs, no small talk with the audience. Man Man

Goggles," a classic off of album "Six Demon Bag," the message was clear.

By the end of Man Man's set, not a single person jammed into the Pearl Street ball-

From Philadelphia,

Mass., Man Man brings one of the most unique and memorable sounds to the current music scene. They are a band that defies genres.

Without having a listen for yourself, Man Man can only be described as insane tribal music chock full of horns and piano.

Honus Honus fronts the six-person band with his heart shredding vocals and piano use. Honus and the rest of his band mates bring an incredible amount of intensity to every live performance, and their October 11th show at Pearl Street was no exception.

The band took the stage in their standard while get-up.

There was no talking during the show, not

even a hello. The band greeted the audience with a performance of "Doo Right," a song featured on their latest release, "Rabbit



communicates with their fans through their performance. And when the crowd heard the opening bars to "Black Mission

(myspace.com/wearemanman). Steal their music, buy their music. I don't care. Just do it.

"Quarantine" vs. "[REC]"

MATTHEW GOSCIMINSKI
MOVIE CRITIC

This Halloween season brings about the usual crop of scary movies, including yet another reiteration of Jigsaw's torture playhouse (the fifth installment of the yearly SAW series.) But aside from SAW, you may have seen some advertisements for a movie called "Quarantine," a point of view style film a la "Cloverfield" and "Blair Witch." In "Quarantine" the POV is that of a cameraman who is recording a reporter who is following around a group of firefighters on a routine night. The night turns out to be not-so-routine when they start encountering zombies. The zombies are more like the 28 Days Later brand, with the carriers suffering from an infection rather than rising up from the dead. What the advertisements fail to tell you is that "Quarantine" is actually a remake of a Spanish movie called [REC] which came out less than a year ago and is slightly superior in my opinion.

"[REC]" was a pretty low budget film yet still packed a punch and some good scares. I

generally don't find scary movies all that frightening, but I have to say if the setting is right (being alone and in the dark) you may just find certain parts of "[REC]" or "Quarantine" scaring the poo out of you. It's relatively easy to compare the two films.

Quarantine is basically a shot for shot remake of "[REC]" save for the replacement of Spanish speaking actors with English speaking ones. I feel like the suits figured they could still turn a profit by remaking a low budget movie without subtitles to appeal to all those American audiences who despise the practice of reading, especially while watching a movie. How ghastly.

Both films are pretty good as far as horror movies go, though the story behind the infection in "Quarantine" is just plain dumb and unimaginative and a whole lot cooler in "[REC]." Which is odd because "Quarantine" added some good scenes that fit well into the movie, yet they screwed the pooch with the main story idea. I'd probably say "Quarantine" was a better iteration if they had stuck with the original story.

What is great about both of these movies is that they are very atmospheric, the actors all seem like regular Joes and the jit-

teriness of the camera adds to the sense that you are peeking into an occurring event rather than watching a pre-planned movie. The only problem with the camera jitteriness is that some people might get headaches from the constant movement and shifting of angles, which is often a complaint with POV films. Most of the actors are pretty unknown in the American version, save for Jay Hernandez ("Hostel") who plays a firefighter, and a few others you might vaguely remember from some random supporting roles in the past. The obscurity of the actors works well for

"Quarantine" because it makes the movie feel more genuine, since you are supposed to buy into the fact that you are watching average people deal with a crisis.

Overall I would definitely recommend "[REC]" to anyone. This movie is better than "Quarantine" and is just plain weird seeing. I'd say "Quarantine" is still good to watch after you've seen "[REC]" because you can see a few new scenes that are pretty entertaining, sort of like a director's cut that's released later, except in this case it's with new actors and a different language.

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Epstein, Red Sox look ahead to offseason

TERESA DOLLFUSS
SPORTS REPORTER

This season the Red Sox had their ups and downs, as they always have. At one point the Sox were leading the American League East and held a decent lead over the once dominating New York Yankees. A few weeks later, the Red Sox were in second place in the East to the once bottom dweller Tampa Bay Rays.

Things have happened this season that were completely out of character with the past few years. One out of character event was the Yankees being in third and fourth place throughout the season and not making the playoffs. Another was the Rays

clinging to first place and eventually winning the ALCS over Boston, and of course the Manny Ramirez trade.

As most of my loyal Red Sox fans know, Ramirez had been creating even more controversy in the clubhouse this year than any other year. He was becoming a menace in the clubhouse and to the Red Sox organization. Therefore, Theo Epstein had to "pull the trigger" so to speak on a trade for Manny Ramirez.

The July 31st trade deadline came and shortly after 4:00 PM we learned that a deal was struck and that Manny would no longer be in a Red Sox uniform. Manny went to the Dodgers, and we got outfielder Jason Bay from Pittsburgh.

Some Sox fans were worried about losing Manny's power bat in the lineup, but it turns out that their worrying wasn't needed.

Jason Bay joining the Red Sox and taking over in left field turned out to be an extraordinary advantage for the team. His bat seems comparable to Manny Ramirez's and his defense in the field is just as good. There is also the added bonus that he is cheaper in salary than Manny was and he isn't a menace in the clubhouse.

Along with the addition of Bay, Lugo's injury gave Jed Lowrie a chance to shine and show his skills to the Red Sox office. Lowrie took over Lugo's position at shortstop and has honestly given him a run for his money. Lowrie is younger and is

better at shortstop defensively than what Lugo had been before his injury.

Now that the Sox are officially done for the season, Red Sox faithful can start to look ahead to next season. Also, we can begin to wonder who may be coming back in a Red Sox uniform.

A few players that may not return next year are Jason Varitek, Mike Timlin and Curt Schilling. Varitek had an off season this year, as proven by his low batting average, although he did remain fairly consistent behind the plate. Regardless, it's debatable whether or not he will come back to play for the Sox.

Timlin has gotten older as well and has faced a few injuries, causing some inconsis-

tency coming out of the bullpen. Schilling's surgery is no mystery to Sox fans, just as the fact that doctors stated he won't play baseball again. Right there we lose a starting pitcher, reliever, and catcher.

The Red Sox off season will be an interesting one at that. Theo Epstein and the rest of management will have to decide what they want to do as far as any trades or free agent signings. A rumor that has been flying around is a possible move for San Diego starting pitcher Jake Peavy. If that ends up happening, that would benefit the Red Sox starting rotation greatly.

Westfield Outlasts Western Conn.

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State College women's volleyball posted a hard-fought 3-1 victory over Western Connecticut State University in a non-conference marathon match on Tuesday, Oct. 21.

Westfield won the first set, 25-22 and lost the second set, 27-25. The Owls edged the Colonials 25-23 and 25-21 in the final two sets.

Westfield improves to 11-13 overall while Western Connecticut State moves to 13-7.

Junior outside hitter Stephanie Bartkus - the Mass. State Conference player of the week - led the Owls with 17 kills and 10 digs. Freshman Alex Wahl added 15 kills and 10 digs. Junior libero Katie Kurty posted a team-high 18

digs and freshman Kerin DeGirolamo totaled 40 assists. Sophomore Maura McLaughlin continued her fine play with three service aces and four blocks. Junior Meredith Hayward had seven kills.

Junior Rebecca Stein led Western Conn. with 13 kills and five blocks. Freshman Kelly Collins had 31 digs.



Westfield State sophomore Maura McLaughlin keeps the ball in play near the net.

Westfield State Downs RIC, 3-1

PROVIDENCE, R.I. -

Sophomore Kate MacLellan had a goal and two assists to lead the Westfield State women's soccer team to a 3-1 non-conference victory over Rhode Island College on Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 21.

The Owls improved to 11-4 with their 10th win in 11 games. RIC dropped to 1-14-1.

MacLellan leads the Owls with eight assists this season; she ranks second in goals with seven.

Westfield State senior forward Jenn Leveille put the Owls up, 1-0, in the fifth minute, heading in a MacLellan crossing pass for her sixth goal of the year.

Sophomore forward Meg Gearin scored what proved to be the

eventual game-winner in the ninth minute, taking a MacLellan pass and lofting it over RIC sophomore goalkeeper Maddie Pirri for her team leading 10th goal.

Despite trailing at the half, RIC pulled to within one goal in the 55th minute. Senior forward Kayla Fleming fired a shot that forced Westfield State freshman goalkeeper Jess Picciak to make a diving stop. Picciak could not corral the loose ball and RIC freshman forward Britany Caldwell shot it into the open net for her first collegiate goal.

MacLellan iced the game with her seventh goal of the year in the 68th minute, converting a crossing pass from junior midfielder Colleen Kenney. Picciak made eight

saves to raise her personal mark to 11-2, while Pirri made four saves in a losing effort.



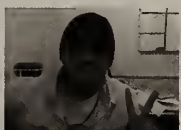
Kate MacLellan led the Owls with a goal and two assists.

Round Table: Should the Red Sox pursue Jake Peavy this offseason?



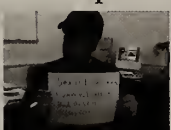
Jeff Dale

So the Sox made an amazing comeback in a game Colby declined to attend. Ouch! In the end though it was all for not and the Ray of Tampa Bay game seven. Now where all looking for a fix. Looking for that next big name to salivate over for the offseason. That name looks like it will be Jake Peavy. I gotta say though that pitching was not their problem. Their problem was hitting. I thought this was kinda obvious after we got hit by Garza in game seven. I mean, I know he has good stuff, but come on guys, it's game seven. I see the trade being talked about but never happening and Sox resign Lowe. Or at least I hope.



Colby Henderson

At first I was against giving up the amount of talent that it would take to get a pitcher or Peavy's caliber, however after talking it over with my good friend Dan Swartz I decided that it would be worth it in the long run. Having a rotation with Peavy, Beckett, Lester, and Dice-K would become the greatest in recent memory and would be around for at least three years which would be more than enough time for Theo and the gang to replenish the farm system. Buchholz, Bowden, Crisp, and Bard/Price for Peavy!



Matthew Castonguay

Honestly, no. I think the Sox would be better suited going after Mark Teixeira. I don't trust Papi and Lowell's health. With an already solid starting rotation, and those question marks in the field, I say move Youk to third and bring Teixeira in to play first. Could you imagine what a powerful switch hitter like Teixeira could do in the band box that is Fenway Park. Peavy is shiny and nice but it's not exactly what the Sox need at this time.



Patrick Dayton

Beckett, Peavy, Lester, Matsuzaka, Wakefield. Sounds like a championship rotation to me. Especially for a playoff run. But the Red Sox don't have the offense to get to the post-season. As great as it would be to see Peavy in a Red Sox uniform I think the Sox need to concentrate on finding a bat and a catcher (if Tek isn't coming back). I believe the Angels will land Peavy. They want to get rid of Gary Mathews and the Padres want a center fielder. I could also see the Angels picking up a certain power-hitting outfielder (hint #99) to make them more of a contender to court Peavy to LAA.



Daniel Swartz

The value of having four aces on a pitching staff is priceless. Lester, Dice-K, Peavy, and Beckett would be the best rotation in recent memory. It will likely take Crisp, Bowden, Buchholz, and a fourth prospect to complete the trade which is worth it in my mind. Peavy would be a bargain in this market because Sabathia will likely get a \$200 million contract while Peavy will be making \$80-\$120 million over the next 5-7 years after the extension he will likely receive with a trade. Peavy is one of the best pitchers in the game and is just about to enter his prime at the age of 26.

FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castanguay

The World Series starts tonight and I'm excited, but I took a head count and apparently, I'm the only one, so I won't bore you with my predictions (yeah, I was the only one who got their picks in the round table right, thank you very much) about how the Rays will take it in 7 and Gabe Gross or some other no-name hack will win the MVP. Instead I'm going to talk about Adam Jones and people like Adam Jones, or as I like to call them, train wrecks. Recently, there have been plenty of train wreck sightings to keep me more than amused, what with "The Juice" finally being locked up and Jose Canseco being busted at the Mexican border in possession of illegal fertility pills. And because of these farces in recent news and the lack of interest in the World Series that only Philadelphia and Tampa (well, kinda Tampa) wanted, I've decided to bring you my top 5 sports train wrecks of All-time. Enjoy.

#5 – Ryan Leaf –
Yeah, that Ryan Leaf. If you look up friggin knucklehead in the dictionary, there will be a

big picture of Ryan Leaf with some type of uber-angry face staring back at you. The #2 overall pick in the 1998 NFL Draft, Leaf was expected to do great things, but all he really ever did was yell at fans, try to fight teammates, lie about injuries and throw incompletions. Shortly after being drafted, Leaf said "I'm looking forward to a 15-year career, a couple of trips to the Super Bowl, and a parade through downtown San Diego." For his career, Leaf ended up with 3,666 passing yards, 14 touchdowns to a whopping 36 INTs and a QB rating of 50.0. Needless to say, there were no trips to the Super Bowl and no parade. Sorry, jackass.

#4 – Mike Tyson –
Who doesn't love Mike Tyson? He is the human equivalent of the Titanic sinking and we all love him. You know, except for that girl he raped, Evander Holyfield and his ear and the people he still owes mass amounts of money to, we all have a place in our hearts for Iron Mike. The clincher for me was when he got that ridiculous tattoo on his face. I almost

cried laughing and I'm sure I'm not the only one. His unpredictable ridiculousness has made him a household name more so than his fighting career, which was the stuff of legends. When the day comes that Tyson finally fades "into Bolivia," I will, along with all the other editorial columnists for whom he has provided canine fodder for years, shed a tear.

#3 – Maurice Clarett –
When I heard the word "hatchet" I used to automatically think of that Gary Paulson book about the kid who survived a plane crash, titled "Hatchet." Since Maurice Clarett's attempt to evade Ohio police and his subsequent arrest in August 2006 where, along with a loaded AK-47 and an open bottle of Grey Goose Vodka was a f**king hatchet, I've been able to think of nothing but Clarett when I hear that word. When Police tried to subdue Clarett with a taser, their attempts failed because he was wearing Kevlar body armor. Seriously, what in the sweet name of God could this dipsh**t have been planning on

doing? Clarett was sentenced to 7 years in prison for these and other charges stemming from a robbery in January of that year. Clarett was on the fast track to NFL stardom until he tried to declare too early, and again F'ed up through his own laziness and stupidity every other time he was given an opportunity to make the most of his God-given talent.

#2 – J.J. Simpson –
Until recently, I was willing to drop "The Juice" off of this list, then he released a book titled "If I Did It" about how he would have killed Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. Really? Why the hell would you even bring that up again? Then on top of that, he gets pinched for kidnapping while trying to get back on his memorabilia from memorabilia dealers in Las Vegas.

Apparently, what happens in Vegas doesn't stay in Vegas if it's a felony involving a dipsh**t who used to play in the NFL and was nearly convicted of a double homicide.

#1 – Jose Canseco –
And finally at the top of this list is the man who has done it all,

Jose Canseco. Is there anyone, not just in the world of sports but in humanity who has fallen as far as Jose Canseco? The man went from being an MVP in Major League Baseball, to having tax troubles, numerous divorces, being a clubhouse snitch in his book "Juiced," being on the celebrity Surreal Life on VH1, to getting pinched at the Mexican border carrying illegal fertility pills. And if that weren't enough, now he has agreed to fight Danny Bonaduce in a celebrity boxing match. I don't know how much farther Canseco can possibly fall, but when he does, I'll be there, laughing my ass off with everyone I know.

There you have it. I know I missed a few but hey, I only got room for five. Now, while you're all busy doing you work in your stuffy domes with the roommate you secretly hate, I'm going to go smoke a stogie and drink some high end rum in my hot tub and listen to Fleetwood Mac's "Rumors. Cheers!"

Owls defense pitches shutout on Alumni Weekend

JEFF DALE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

WESTFIELD: With a combination of strong defense and leadership by Dan Cohen the Owls defeated the Framingham State Rams 27-0 this past Saturday October 18 on Alumni Field.

Alumni Weekend was full of festivities on this chilly fall day. Leaves and skydivers were falling along with Rams' quarterback Bruce Rich. On the first play from scrimmage Rich would be brought down for the sack by Owl defensive-lineman Jon Palmer. This would continue to be a theme of the day as the Westfield defense would sack Rich a total of six times.

On Westfield's first drive of the game they would go three and out and bring out punter Chris Stengel. Punting from his own end zone, Stengel would uncork a school record. Booming one over the head of would-be punt-returner David Leach, the ball would go 74 yards before being downed at the Framingham 16-yard-line.

On the ensuing drive for the Rams, the Owl defense would come up big again, but this time with a turnover. On Framingham's first play junior defensive-lineman Matt Fall would come barreling in to strip and sack the Rams' quarterback. That was not enough for Fall

though, as he recovered the fumble himself, setting Westfield up with great field position. Fall would record one and half sacks on the day along with the forced fumble and recovery.

"Our linebacker, Jay Fielding, got me pumped up before the game," Fall said. "To have a game like that it was a career game for me. It was a great victory overall and I couldn't have done it without the other guys on the D-line."

Westfield would quickly capitalize on Fall's big play. Scoring on a toss sweep to junior tailback Jason Proule, making the score 7-0 Owls after a successful Stengel extra point. Entering the second quarter the game would remain 7-0, until the Rams' defense would force another turnover.

With 12:23 left in the half the Rams' offense, which had averaged 31 points per game until Saturday, would try to get on the board; however, freshman linebacker Andrew Fodera would quickly thwart the Rams' chances at any offense. Fodera would intercept the pass of Rams quarterback Bruce Rich, and return it eight yards to set up Westfield's second touchdown.

This time it would be a combination of a great throw and catch by Westfield quarterback Dan Cohen and sophomore wide receiver C.J. Franklin. Cohen would put it high where the defender would not be able to

get to it, or so he thought. Rams cornerback Shawn Miller would get a grasp of the ball in the end zone before Franklin could get his hands on it. Franklin would have none of that though, gripping it out of the defender's hands and scoring the Owls' second touchdown of the day. After another successful Stengel extra point, it made the score 14-0.

Westfield's offense was not done though. They would get on the board again just before half after another turnover by the Rams' offense. The Owls would take advantage for the third time of the game with Cohen connecting with junior receiver Brandon Holt. Stengel's only miss of the day would make it 20-0 going into half.

Coming out at half Westfield would receive the ball and make a statement. On the second play out of the half tailback Jason Proule would be sprung loose again. This time Proule would power his way for a 63-yard rushing touchdown to give the Owls a 26-0 lead. Proule would run nine times for 85 yards and two touchdowns on the day. After another Stengel extra point the score would be 27-0 and the game would end that way on account of the Owls' defense.

"We pitched a shutout for the first time all season and our defense stepped it up big,"

Fall said. "To shut out a team that averages 30 points a game is great."

Westfield now stands at 4-3 on the season and second in the MASCAC standings. They face off against a top seed in the conference this Saturday at Bridgewater State. For Westfield to take the divisional crown they will likely have to win out for the remaining three games of the season. However, Fall said the team will take it one game at a time.

"As cliché as it sounds we can only control our own destiny at this point," Fall said. "If we win out and a couple other teams stumble along the way, we got our chance at the championship."

Athlete Of The Week



Matt Fall

Football, #90

Defensive Line

Class of 2010

Hometown: Wilbraham, MA

Major: Physical Education

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Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

This is when others look to you for wisdom, guidance and leadership. Anything done in secret now will somehow later become public knowledge. So I wouldn't do a thing you wouldn't want your grandma to see.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

Your chart energy this week is warning you that chances are you are operating with only partial knowledge or understanding. A pattern like this appears when others are holding important information or facts from you or just misleading you. You would be wise to dig deeper and check out facts and statements for yourself.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

This week you'll have the energy to want to seek out your desires and to succeed in everything you do. It's great for love and romance but even better for getting things done. The week cries out for new adventures.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

There's a lot of astrological emphasis being placed upon your personal and intimate relationships. This can be the seed energy that can cause new romances and relationships to be formed, or to super charge existing ones.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

Your week starts out in more of a matter of fact kind of way. This is the time to buckle down and get focused on getting the tasks and chores completed as efficiently and effectively as possible. Toward midweek, your personality shines brightly and causes others to be drawn and attracted to you.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

Your week starts with a fun and playful type of natural energy. It brings out the best of your leadership abilities and personal charm, too. This is the best time for you to step to the front and allow others to see you taking more of a commanding role.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

You should feel right at home this week. It's a deep, emotional and sentimental feeling. Perhaps the hardest part of this transit is getting started first thing in the morning. But once you do, you'll gain energy.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

Your week is all about having a good time and being able to talk to and socialize with others. In fact, the best thing you can do is to get out and surround yourself with others and listen to what they're saying.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 23)

This chart energy brings out the best of your natural financial and material awareness. This is one of the best times for you to conduct any form of business. You'll have a way of being at the right place at the right time.

Libra

(September 24 - October 23)

You start the week in a strong and powerful astrological cycle. With energy like this, you need to put in extra effort to get as much done as you can while the planets are favoring your actions. As the week goes on, you'll have a crystal clear insight about what needs to be done to bring yourself the prosperity and abundance you desire.

Scorpio

(October 24 - November 22)

Your week starts out with you at times being totally psychic and at other times close to psychotic. This is powerful energy that makes you ultra sensitive to the people you connect with. You need to avoid negativity in any form because it can transfer from others to you.

Sagittarius

(November 21 - December 23)

This week starts out with you in more of a people friendly and action oriented mood. This is when there is a natural excitement churning from within you that wants to meet new people. Go to new places and live your life in more spontaneous way.

*Horoscopes by www.kyhoroscope.com

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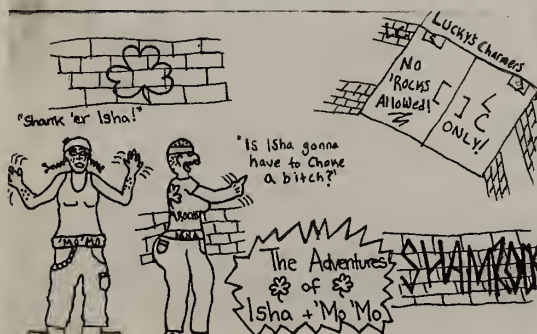
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Halloween soon



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Sat 10/25	Intramurals 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Parezzo Gym	Men's Soccer vs Salem 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Turf	So Seductive Step Team Dance Party 9:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. Ely Main Lounge
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Tue 10/28	Intramurals 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Parezzo Gym	Semester at Sea Info Session 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Davis Common	Intramurals 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Turf
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Student of the Week



Stats: Jessica Ricordi, 21-year-old senior from Hopkinton, Mass.

Major: Mass communication - media arts

What is your favorite article of clothing?

My brown leather boots from Journeys.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?

The ability to switch bodies with anyone at anytime. But I'd always come back to being myself. I'd swap with Beyonce for like, a day.

If you won the lottery what are the first three things you would buy?

Another horse, a private island, and a Mercedes SLR McLaren. Wait, should I have said like, pay off my mother's house or feed the children?

What's your favorite meal?
Two dragon rolls.

If you could sleep with anybody who would it be?
Hayden Christensen.

What do you want to be when you grow up?
FAMOUS!

If you want to be the Westfield State College student of the Week, or want to submit a friend as Student of the Week, email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

CAB Halloween Party



Tons of people at the CAB Halloween party Wednesday, October 29th.

photo by Hugh Mailly

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The History of Halloween

CAIT PENNDORF
Op-Ed Editor

Halloween only comes once a year, unfortunately. If you're anything like me, you probably wish that Halloween was a weekly occurrence and that the leaves stayed orange and the air crisp all year long. That's obviously not the case, however. So, for all of you Halloween fanatics out there, welcome to the most wonderful time of the year.

Halloween's origins come from many years ago in the area we now know as Ireland. According to the

History Channel, it began as a Celtic tradition called Samhain, which was celebrated, like Halloween, on October 31st. Samhain marked a seasonal change and the Celts felt that on this night, there was no boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead. The Celts dressed up in costumes, usually consisting of animal skins, to attempt to confuse the ghosts and to prevent them from destroying the crops. They also created huge bonfires in which they sacrificed animals and crops, which is most likely where the jack-o'-lantern traditions of today originated.

When Catholicism began to spread to the Celtic land, the Pope attempted to

change Samhain into a holiday that focused on the church, All-hallowmas, which we currently know as All Saints Day (November 1st). The night before All-hallowmas, which was formally Samhain, was then referred to as All-hallows Eve. You can see where the origin of the word Halloween came from.

Halloween seems to have taken on a different meaning now-a-days. It's become a day where everyone can dress up as whatever they want to be and take on a new identity for one evening. "I like Halloween because it's an indication that fall is in full effect and I think it's fun to dress up and wear stuff that you wouldn't normally wear every day," said junior

Stephanie Singleton.

"I like the costumes, candy and movies; little kid costumes are my favorite," said sophomore Halloween enthusiast Jen Strickland.

Costumes seemed to be the biggest attraction to Halloween for many. "Well, the innocent side of me would say the copious amounts of free sugar are my favorite part. However, the 'monster' (pun intended) inside me thinks that the girl's costumes are interesting," said junior Nick Langone.

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Come November 4th you decide who our next President is. It would be lame to miss out because your don't like the candidates. It's more important than that.

First time voters: Yay or nay?

ANGELA BUNT
LAYOUT EDITOR

Due to a faltering economy, ongoing war and impending environmental crisis, the 2008 Presidential Election has piqued the interest of more Americans than ever.

Among these interested Americans are thousands of "young people," a demographic not often reached by candidates. Despite the record breaking number of newly registered voters, not everybody who is able to vote for the first time is taking advantage of it.

Brandie Cancro, a 21-year-old senior at Westfield State College, said she was unsure about voting until she educated herself on the candidates. "I

wasn't going to vote at first because I really think the election is a lost cause. Whoever may be the new president, it's still going to take such a long time for things to get back to normal," said Cancro. "Then I thought about it and I was like, 'You know, it is pretty important and I should be a part of it. I educated myself by watching shows about the election and talking with my grandparents.'"

While the belief that in a democratic state like Mass., your vote doesn't count is a popular one, voting on the three ballot questions does count. Cancro said that even those who don't know much about the election should take the time to vote on the ballot questions. "People will still have a chance to express how they feel about certain topics. I'm sure something will be on there that they know and feel strongly about," said

Cancro.

Lauren Davenport, a 21-year-old senior, agrees. "People should vote because those questions will affect them. Especially the one on the income taxes," said Davenport.

Davenport thinks that no matter the outcome of the election, Americans should support the winning candidate. "I want to vote because this is my first time ever being able to, and this is a very historic election," said Davenport. "It's just good to vote and be involved. It's important to know things about our country because we do live here, you know."

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Silly Sarah

KRISTIN SHERWOOD
VOICE COLUMNIST

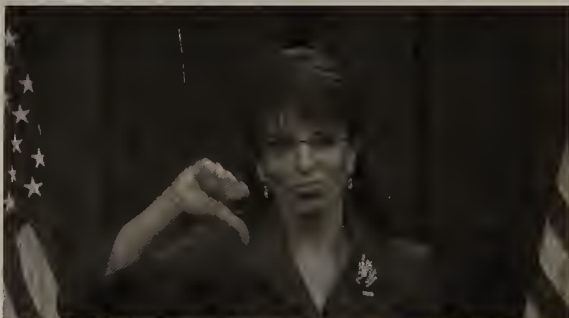


With the election only days away, Sarah Palin has been under the media's microscope more than ever. Along the campaign trail, she has been criticized for her beliefs, her involvement in controversial dealings, and her lack of experience. Does she deserve this criticism? Is the media justified in criticizing her every move? In a word, yes. If a man or a woman is going to be in the White House as a president or vice president, then they must endure the media's scrutiny. There is no doubt that Palin has caused damage to the McCain campaign. In taking a look back at her interviews and misstatements, her "palin-isms" during the campaign, one cannot help but be embarrassed for her. Is she really someone who should ever serve, or have the potential to serve, in that office?

From the beginning, Sarah Palin has tried to relate to the average American, called "Joe Six Pack," by pointing out that she is a "hockey mom" and an outsider to Washington.

During the vice presidential debate, Palin would throw around phrases like "darn right" and "say it ain't so" so as to speak directly to the Americans. Those phrases may have drawn in some Americans, but others thought it made her look uneducated. Also during the vice presidential debate, Palin made a mistake when she was referencing a general in Afghanistan: she said his name was McClellan—it was McKiernan. Oops.

Sarah Palin's interviews with Katie Couric of CBS and Charlie Gibson of ABC News were much worse than the vice presidential debate. In the interview with Couric, Palin could not name what specific newspapers and magazines she read to stay informed. Her response was "Um, all of them, any of them that have been in front of me all these years." But that was not nearly the worst of it. When Couric asked her a pointed question about whether or not she believes a teen girl who was the victim of rape and incest could legally obtain an abortion, all



Tina Fey or Sara Palin: Sometimes it's hard to tell the difference.

Photo by ABC

Palin said was that she would "counsel the person to choose life." Couric also asked Palin to name some specific examples in John McCain's 26 year record that pushed for more regulation. Palin responded with: "I'll try to find you some and I'll bring them to ya." (www.cbsnews.com). She could not name examples from her own running mate's record. Is that being unprepared or uninformed?

Her interview with Charlie Gibson did not go any better. The topic of Russia came up and Palin echoed again and again that they "are our next door neighbor" and that "you

can actually see Russia from land here in Alaska" (www.abc-news.com) What does that have to do with anything? It doesn't. When Charlie Gibson asked Palin what that had to do with Russia in relation to Georgia, Palin evaded the question.

During another interview with an NBC affiliate in Colorado, Palin said that the vice president is "in charge of the United States Senate." That is not true according to the United States Constitution, Ms. Palin. The U.S. Constitution says that the vice president is the president of the senate but "shall have no vote, unless they be equally

divided." Clearly, they are not in "charge" of the Senate.

In a rally over the weekend in Iowa, Sarah Palin asked: "Are you ready to send us to Washington DC to shake things up?" Well, the answer should be a resounding "NO!" The United States is not prepared to handle any of Palin's plans to "shake up" anything in Washington, D.C. If you are one of those who are not in favor of Sarah Palin anywhere near the White House, then go vote next Tuesday!

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Westfield State offers panel on eating disorders

CRAIG PHELON
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

The students in the Health Fitness Club at Westfield State College hope to raise awareness of the devastation that can be caused by disordered eating by organizing a panel discussion at the college's Woodward Center Student Lounge on Oct. 30 from 6 to 7 p.m. The panel is free and

open to the public.

Panel contributors will be: Maureen Sheehan, mother of Tara Sheehan who died in 2002 after a long struggle with anorexia; Jennifer Smith, director of Walden Behavioral Health, a family-centered behavioral treatment center that specializes in eating disorders located in Northampton; Suzanna Adams, a mental health counselor from the college's Counseling Center; and Amy, a recovering bulimic, who will share her story of recovery.

Eating disorders are

among the top four leading causes of burden of disease in terms of life lost through disability or death, according to the Academy for Eating Disorders.

"As future professionals in exercise science, the Health Fitness Club members wanted to raise awareness about this important issue and bring together a panel of experts to discuss the warning signs for disordered eating as well as what we can do when a loved one is suffering from an eating disorder," said Teresa Fitts, association professor of movement science and

advisor to the Club.

While the incidence of anorexia is higher in females, eating disorders do occur in men, she said. Rates of binge eating disorders are similar in females and males.

Fitts said that athletes are particularly. Athletes in certain sports are particularly high risk for eating disorders. Female gymnasts, ice skaters, dancers, and swimmers, to name a few, have been found to have higher rates of eating disorders.

In a study of Division I NCAA athletes, more than one-

third of female athletes reported attitudes and symptoms placing them at risk for anorexia nervosa. Male athletes are also at increased risk—especially those in sports such as wrestling, bodybuilding, crew, running, cycling, and football, she said.

For more information about this event, please contact Teresa Fitts at tfitts@wsc.ma.edu.

Boy, 8, killed in Mass. gun show accident

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WESTFIELD, Mass. (AP) — An 8-year-old boy died after accidentally shooting himself in the head while firing an Uzi submachine gun under adult supervision at a gun fair.

The boy lost control of the weapon while firing it Sunday at the Machine Gun Shoot and Firearms Expo at the

Westfield Sportsman's Club, police Lt. Lawrence Vallierprate said.

Police said the boy, Christopher Bizily (Bah-SEAL) of Ashford, Conn., was with a certified instructor and called the death a "self-inflicted accidental shooting."

As the boy fired the Uzi, "the front end of the weapon went up with the backfire and he ended up receiving a round in his head," police Lt.

Hipolito Nunez said. The boy died at a hospital.

The boy's father and older brother were also there at the time, a gun club member and school official said. Francis Mitchell, a longtime member and trustee of the club, said he was told the boy's father was supporting his son from behind when the shooting happened.

Although the death appeared to be an accident, officials were investigating.

It is legal in Massachusetts for children to fire a weapon if they have permission from a parent or legal guardian and are supervised by a properly certified and licensed instructor, Lt. Hipolito Nunez said. The name of the instructor helping the boy was not released.

The event ran in conjunction with C.O.P. Firearms and Training.

"It's all legal & fun —

No permits or licenses required!!!!" reads the ad, posted on the club's Web site.

Messages left on answering machines for the club and the C.O.P. group were not returned Monday. On the Net:

Westfield Club: <http://www.westfieldsportsman.com/>
COP Firearms: <http://www.cop-firearms.com/>

VOTERS CONTINUED...

Mathew Castonguay, a 20-year-old junior at the college and writer at The Voice, disagrees with the "your vote counts" sentiment. "I'd be voting for a Republican because I

don't like Barack Obama," said Castonguay. "This state is a Democratic state and they are going to vote that way regardless. And while I probably should have gone out and voted on the questions, I was too lazy to do it."

Castonguay's stance on voting raises an important question. Do people that don't vote

have the right to complain about the outcome of the election? Castonguay doesn't think so. "I don't necessarily think I have the right to complain about it, but that doesn't mean I won't."

Amy Walsh, a 21-year-old senior, agrees. "People can complain, but they shouldn't. If they feel strongly enough about it they should've done some-

thing," said Walsh.

Walsh said she isn't voting in this election, but her reason is different from non-voter Castonguay. "I don't know didly about what's going on except for the marijuana factor," said Walsh. "My vote could possibly cancel out someone's who actually has a clue as to what's going on."

Walsh said that despite the historic nature of the election, she does not feel obligated to vote. "If it was any other election I would feel the same way," said Walsh. "I'm more of an observer."



Charlie Brown Halloween anyone? We know Cait Peindorf is watching as you read this.

Halloween Continued...

Movies were also another highlight of Halloween. The movies named as Halloween favorites ranged from "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" to "A Nightmare on Elm Street" to "With out a doubt, 'Hocus Pocus' is my favorite. Freshman year my roommate suggested we watch it everyday in October to get pumped for Halloween! Not a bad idea," said Langone.

Of course, you can't forget about the glorious amounts of candy that young (and sometimes older) trick-or-treaters gain on their nighttime

adventures throughout eerily decorated neighborhoods. "Twix were always the best candy to get. They're a rarity to find in your Halloween bag because most people give out the boring candy like Smarties," said Singleton.

"Reese's Peanut Butter cups are the best, I love 'em," said junior Brittany Suslak.

So, whether your feelings for Halloween stem from creative costumes or tasty treats, remember this wonderful holiday only comes once a year, so celebrate it to the fullest.

The Angry Liberal

MOLLY COYLE
MANAGING EDITOR



So, after covering the debates for the last three weeks and hearing almost nonstop on CNN about what each candidate is going to do in this state, or that state, I've decided that on this last edition before the election on Tuesday that I should discuss state issues that you'll be voting on when you vote for our next president.

Question 1 is about the state personal income tax. Voting yes for this proposed law would reduce the state personal income tax. In theory this sounds like a great idea, and a survey says that Massachusetts "wastes" 41% of its tax money, however, just because this particular tax is reduced, that does not stop the government from finding other ways to gouge you, like say, property taxes. Most of us don't own property to worry about, or even pay income taxes, but this tax money goes to pay for things like road work, police and fire departments, as well as public schools, including public colleges. This could mean a huge price hike in the amount that you'll pay in coming semesters.

Question 2 is about the decriminalization of marijuana. This issue has been covered very well from both view points in

this newspaper, however, I must say that I believe it's a great idea. By decriminalizing the possession of a small amount, we won't clog jails with petty criminals and save those resources for people who really deserve to be locked up. I know that opponents of this law say that it's a government endorsement of an illegal substance but the fact is that people use marijuana for their own personal enjoyment and no one gets hurt. Putting a simple fine in place (and for people under 18 a drug awareness program in addition) still lets people know that the government isn't endorsing it. By having just a fine in place, being caught with a small amount of the substance doesn't destroy anyone's ability to apply for a loan, buy a house, or get a job in the future because a cop found less than an ounce of pot on them in a routine traffic stop.

Question 3 is about dog racing. Apparently, it's still legal to hold dog races in Massachusetts. I was completely unaware of this until recently, maybe because I've just never seen one advertised. I wholeheartedly believe that these races should be banned. I don't mean to go all PETA on you guys but the treatment of these animals is

cruel and unnecessary. Dogs are bred specifically for this purpose, and when they are unable to race anymore they are either killed or they clog up the shelter system. I've never been to a dog race and I'm sure it could very well be extremely entertaining, however it just seems to be an archaic practice that the government should not endorse.

If you would like to read about the three law proposals from a completely unbiased point of view, you can find all the information you could want in The Official Massachusetts Information for Voters book which can be found in random places around campus. It has each of the laws explained in detail with a list of pros and cons as well as the exact wording of each law. It's a great resource if you don't want to just vote based on what I'm telling you, which I highly encourage you not to do. I highly encourage getting unbiased information and forming your own opinions. I simply serve as one point of view.

Talk it over with your friends, get informed and make sure that you send in your absentee ballots in time to reach the polling stations before they close on Tuesday!

Whether you agree with me or not I welcome your comments. So send me feedback at: wscan-gryliberal@gmail.com

EDITOR'S DESK



So the election is on Tuesday. Holy crap. I hope you are all voting! Even if you have no faith in the candidates, the ballot questions are very important. Especially question two. And question three. And question one. Exercise your rights, dammit!

Let me just take a moment to say rest in peace to my lovely kitty cat Jasmine. My family put her down a few days ago and the Bunt house won't be the same without her. I hope you are drinking maadd milk up in kitty heaven, Jazzy baby.

Losing an animal is such a hard thing for a family to go through. Pets are the only members of your household that don't irritate you. Except when they pee and vomit on your bed.

Annnywayyyy...

I hope everybody has a fun, safe and eventful Halloween. And don't forget to floss.

Buntology.com!!!

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Just Sex with Lauren Mattos

First off, I want to thank everyone who responded on the bulletins in a polite and respectful manner. This topic for this week is abortion and how men relate to it. Yes, it is a woman's choice in the end and I respect that more than anything. However, these decisions are rarely made alone. I know this topic gets heated, but I made it clear on the bulletins that this was absolutely not to be a pro-life or pro-choice discussion, as it has been beaten into the ground numerous times. I was curious to know how men handle abortion when it involves them personally. Obviously there is not a simple answer to this question, but I did get some interesting responses. Again, thanks to everyone who put politics aside and focused on the question.

I posted three situations on the bulletins, each of which anyone could respond and express their thoughts:

Situation A: You're in a long term and serious relationship.

You are hoping to spend the rest of your life with this woman, but nothing is definite. She is pregnant, and the A word comes up.

Situation B: You're casually dating, but not sure where the relationship is going yet. What do you do?

Situation C: One night stand, drunken hook-up, whatever. She decides to contact you and tells you the news.

The responses I got were very interesting on both sides. Most men I asked expressed that they would be much more open to keeping the baby if they were in situation A. One lad's response: "I think the right thing to do would be to keep it and not get an abortion. I mean it wasn't expected and I'm currently getting my life in order but the fact of the matter is something went awry and it's time to man up and do what's right by your girlfriend." Well put. The general agreement for

situation A was to ideally keep the child, of course depending on if the woman was in agreement.

Situations B and C received mixed responses, mostly the consensus being that the man would support the woman in whatever she chose. One male reader responded: "If she decided to keep it I would do everything in my power to make it work because that is my child whether its mother and I are together or not. If she decided to not keep it then I would try to support her as best I could and do whatever I could to help her with anything that she needed." However, not all the responses were based on the particular situation, but on the matter of the child itself. One response I got from a male reader was based upon the fact that it was his child, regardless of the relationship with the female: "I would have to say I would deter the woman from having an abortion no matter if it was A, B, or C. If she found out she couldn't safely

carry or deliver the baby in all the situations I would tell her my view and I would really hope we would decide together what to do. I would be upset if we couldn't come to a decision together, no matter how well I know her." One reader who I will call "Trent" had a similar view, saying, "Situation C, hopefully you never gave her your number so you don't have to worry about making decisions." Trent continued, "As far as the other two, I'd personally keep it. While it might not be an ideal situation, especially when we're this young, it isn't the kid's fault that you f**ked up (literally). I figure if the girl won't keep it, the least I can do is try to let the kid have some opportunities after her nine month commitment."

I sometimes feel that this column tends bring out the female responses more than men, so I'm glad I could get a lot of male input this week. I also want to thank again the people who responded in a polite and respectful manner to a topic

that many feel so strongly about. Thanks for being adults and putting politics and religion aside. So the general consensus from the men seemed to be that they would be there for the woman no matter the situation, and no matter what she decided to do with the baby. I know it is a woman's choice and these things are a lot easier said than done, but after reading all the responses, it looks like to me that there a lot of good, stand-up guys here at WSC.

Next week will be long distance relationships, so it won't be as serious! Remember to join the Facebook group JUST SEX @ THE VOICE so you can put your opinions out there! Thanks for reading!

Send us feedback at:
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EDITOR'S DESK



Hope everyone's Halloween is going great considering this week's edition falls on the holiday. I wanted to start this editors' desk off by first apologizing for those offended by last week's cartoon. It was a very poor choice on our part to put it in and I'm truly sorry for anyone we offended. It was most definitely a learning experience as an editor because sometimes stuff like that falls through the cracks. I'm just glad I can make my mistakes here at school as opposed to in the real world.

About that real world. This next week will be one of the most important in our life, as our next President will be chosen. I hope everyone else is taking it as seriously as I am.

On one hand you have an old "Maverick" as he calls himself. A man who has been in government for half his life. A man who is a war hero, who went through things I wouldn't wish on my greatest enemy. And a man who is quite old. A man who chose a very unpopular candidate for Vice-President. A man who seems like his best years are behind him.

On the other you have a young somewhat inexperienced man as far as politics go. A man who grew up in Hawaii and later went on to become a community planner in Chicago. Who would later go on to law school at Harvard and become the first African-American to be elected President to its prestigious Law Review. Now he could become the first African-American President of this great country. My money is behind Mr. Barack Obama. He represents what I want in a President of the United States.

Until next week... peace everybody...

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Letter to the Editor

To The Editors of the Voice,

As a student leader and an Ambassador of Westfield State College, I feel like you should be more careful of what you post in the newspaper. My name is Jenny Daverna and I wanted to approach you on this issue.

The adventures of Isha & Mo Mo column is absolutely ridiculous and someone should have over-

looked the column before publishing it. It contains vulgarity and is somewhat racial as well. Your attention might have been humor but as part of the student body I am offended.

Also the Just Sex column is degrading females. I know this is college and we are all adults but keep in mind that we are not the only ones who read The Voice.

We have tours and sometimes the students, parents and teachers will take a glimpse of the newspaper. What do we look like as a college trying to encourage prospective students to attend WSC, and the students and their parents see something like this in our newspaper?

Thank you for your time,
Jenny Daverna

The Voice staff apologizes to Jenny and any others who were offended by last week's "Adventures of Isha & Mo Mo" cartoon. Our intention was to be humorous, but in retrospect the cartoon could be seen as offensive. We are sorry.

The Freshmen Experience

MARRY CAFFERTY
VOICE COLUMNIST

Well, fellow freshmen, it seems the time has already come for us to delve into the murky black waters of midterms. Where did the entire first half of this semester go? I don't know about you, but I feel like I was just unpacking all of my stuff yesterday.

But back to the dreaded College Midterm (a concept so scary that it's even pronounced as though it were capitalized).

This is right around the time when we begin to freak out. Huge exams looming ahead of us, along with the all-nighters spent with study guides, gallons of coffee and frantic cramming that's generally associated with them. But you don't have to worry yet. There are a few things you can do to spare your-

self.

The number one tip I have for you during these next few crazed weeks is to learn how to manage your time. It may feel like there could not possibly be enough hours in the day to do everything you need to get done, but believe me, there are. Set aside the time you need to study and then actually sit down and do it. Give yourself enough time to write any papers you may need to get done or do any homework that needs to be turned in. Sit down, turn off the music, log out of Facebook, and just get it done. That way, you'll spare yourself the frantic rush to do things at the last possible minute. Reward yourself with fifteen minute or half-hour breaks if your brain feels like it's turning to Jell-O.

Another thing you can do for yourself is don't worry about the things you can't change. So you prepared your-

self really well for an exam, took it or handed it in. Don't second-guess yourself. Don't

worry that there's the possibility that you failed. It's done, it's over and once you put down that pencil, there's nothing more you can do. So arm yourself with the knowledge that you did the best you could and don't lose any sleep over it.

Aside from exams, it's also important to make sure you meet with your advisor if you haven't already. They will make sure you are academically on track and help you pick out classes for next semester that are suitable for you, individually. Peer advising is also available in Parenzo 108, a valuable resource in the registration process.

So, good luck with your midterms fellow freshmen! We're almost through our first quarter of college.

Christian Fellowship Welcomes All Students

Come to any Tuesday night meeting @ 7pm downstairs in the Interfaith Center (the little chapel next to Wilson Hall). We have a great group of students who fellowship together, talk about issues we are facing, encourage one another, read and discuss the Bible, have delicious refreshments and live musicians. It's a great night to relax and meet some new people while studying God's word. We invite you to visit.

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Presidential Election 2008



Obama on the Iraq War

"Operations in Iraq and Afghanistan and the war on terrorism have reduced the pace of military transformation and have revealed our lack of preparation for defensive and stability operations. This Administration has overextended our military." - Barack Obama

A Responsible, Phased Withdrawal: The removal of our troops will be responsible and phased, directed by military commanders on the ground and done in consultation with the Iraqi government. Military experts believe we can safely redeploy combat brigades from Iraq at a pace of 1 to 2 brigades a month that would remove them in 16 months. That would be the summer of 2010 – more than 7 years after the war began.

A phased withdrawal will encourage Iraqis to take the lead in securing their own country and making political compromises, while the responsible pace of redeployment offers more than enough time for Iraqi leaders to get their own house in order. As our forces redeploy, Obama and Biden will make sure we engage representatives from all levels of Iraqi society—in and out of government—to forge compromises on oil revenue sharing, the equitable provision of services, federalism, the status of disputed territories, new elections, aid to displaced Iraqis, and the reform of Iraqi security forces.

Surging Diplomacy- Obama and Biden will launch an aggressive diplomatic effort to reach a comprehensive compact on the stability of Iraq and the region. This effort will include all of Iraq's neighbors—including Iran and Syria, as suggested by the bi-partisan The Iraq Study Group Report. This compact will aim to secure Iraq's borders; keep neighboring countries from meddling inside Iraq; isolate al Qaeda; support reconciliation among Iraq's sectarian groups; and provide financial support for Iraq's reconstruction and development.

Preventing Humanitarian Crisis- Barack Obama and Joe Biden believe that America has both a moral obligation and a responsibility for security that demands we confront Iraq's humanitarian crisis—more than five million Iraqis are refugees or are displaced inside their own country. Obama and Biden will form an international working group to address this crisis.

He will provide at least \$2 billion to expand services to Iraqi refugees in neighboring countries, and ensure that Iraqis inside their own country can find sanctuary. Obama and Biden will also work with Iraqi authorities and the international community to hold the perpetrators of potential war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide accountable. They will reserve the right to intervene militarily, with our international partners, to suppress potential genocidal violence within Iraq. – barackobama.com

by The Westfield Voice

McCain on the Iraq War



"We must win in Iraq. If we withdraw, there will be chaos; there will be genocide; and they will follow us home."

-John McCain

John McCain believes it is strategically and morally essential for the United States to support the Government of Iraq to become capable of governing itself and safeguarding its people. He strongly disagrees with those who advocate withdrawing American troops before that has occurred.

It would be a grave mistake to leave before Al Qaeda in Iraq is defeated and before a competent, trained, and capable Iraqi security force is in place and operating effectively. We must help the Government of Iraq battle those who provoke sectarian tensions and promote a civil war that could destabilize the Middle East. Iraq must not become a failed state, a haven for terrorists, or a pawn of Iran. These likely consequences of America's failure in Iraq almost certainly would either require us to return or draw us into a wider and far costlier war.

The best way to secure long-term peace and security is to establish a stable, prosperous, and democratic state in Iraq that poses no threat to its neighbors and contributes to the defeat of terrorists. When Iraqi forces can safeguard their own country, American troops can return home.

John McCain believes that economic progress is essential to sustaining security gains in Iraq. Markets that were once silent and deserted have come back to life in many areas, but high unemployment rates continue to fuel criminal and insurgent violence. To move young men away from the attractions of well-funded extremists, we need a vibrant, growing Iraqi economy. The Iraqi government can jump-start this process by using a portion of its budget surplus to employ Iraqis in infrastructure projects and in restoring basic services. - johnmccain.com

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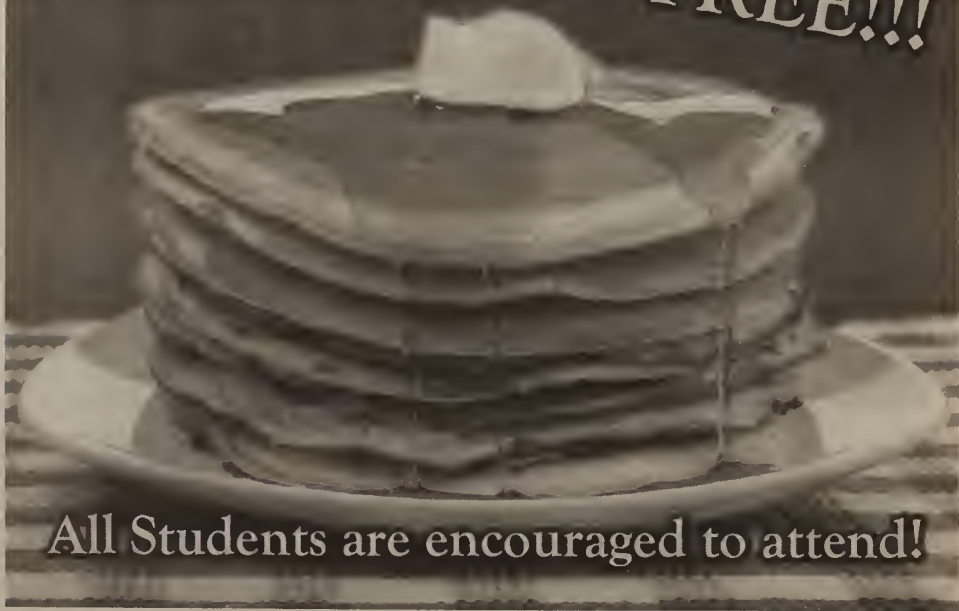
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Fable II Review



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MATTHEW GOSCMINSKI
VOICE REPORTER

Fable II is the second installment in the popular fantasy series developed by Lionhead Studios. Lionhead Studios is headed by video game idealist Peter Molyneux, who is notorious for making his games sound much more wondrous than they actually are. This is why the first Fable suffered some criticism. Molyneux had promised a completely open ended world in the first Fable where you could pretty much do anything, however when the game came out it turned out to be a very generic RPG. It was still a very good game, but the high expectations left gamers disappointed. Fable II, however, doesn't suffer the same shortcomings since there was relatively little hype prior to its release and people's expectations weren't through the roof.

Fable II takes place in the fictional world of Albion where you take control of a nameless hero who seeks vengeance for his sister. Sounds like kind of a generic story but in this instance it is presented very well and fits in with the overall mood of the game. The story, however, isn't the game's main appeal. What draws in so

many people is the character development system. Every quest in Fable can be completed either morally or immorally which reflects your character's appearance. Depending on your actions you can look like a spiritual benefactor to the realm of all that is good, or you can look like the embodiment of sin.

Speaking of the embodiment of sin, the other day I watched my friend's "immoral" character seduce a townswoman, marry her, evict someone from a house he owned, "consecrate" the marriage in the evictee's bed, have a kid, then sacrifice her to the temple of shadow in order to get a sword.

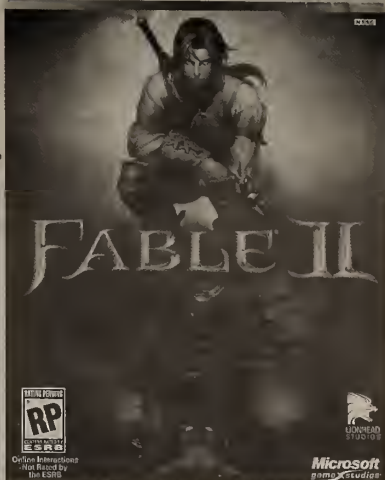
Graphically the game is very pretty, the environments are lush and the spell effects are very flashy. The character models are good for the most part, however there are some rough edges that poke through here and there. It isn't the best looking game for the 360 but it does have a certain appeal that other games lack.

The game-play is simple but effective. You choose the quest you want to pursue and a glowing trail of bread crumbs leads you to the objective, though there are a good number of "off the path" areas you can explore. The combat is easy to understand but extremely gratifying. The X button is sword

attack, Y button is ranged attack, and B is magic attack, which makes it easy to implement all three of these actions in the midst of battle. You can be hacking at some bandit with a sword then quickly whip a fireball behind you to stop another enemy from attacking, then whip your pistol around to shoot a third enemy in the face.

The only gripe I have about the gameplay is the social system. You can try to improve or ruin your standing with certain citizens by using "expressions" on them. These "expressions" include giving a thumbs up, flexing, belching, seducing, farting (which I find amusing), and a whole slew of others. The point of this mainly being either to get a shop keep to give you deals or to make some woman, or man, fall in love with you. Yes you can get married in this game, and yes you can have sex. You can choose to be moral and grace your marriage bed or you can just grab a hooker off the street and take her to your nearest house. However you might get an STD or unwanted child that way, unless of course you "equip" a condom.

Though the game is more of a sort of "prescribed freedom" rather than complete freedom it is still very addicting. I mean you can't go around burning houses down with flam



Fable II game of the year? Fallow's and G.I.I.I. will be tough competition. Photo by IGN.com

ing chainsaws while ravaging the queen of the city in front of her family, there just isn't a button for that. But you can do a whole mess of other things that are equally evil or good depending on your moral fiber. There is a whole lot more I could say about Fable, but unfortunately

there just isn't enough space. So to conclude, if you are feeling in the RPG mood, go get Fable II. It can be short however, depending on how fast you decide to plow through the main quest. So if you're one of those instant gratification people you could probably beat it with a rental.



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Runway Review

JEFF DALE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

If you're tired of the same old Applebee's or fast food joint and are looking for a unique restaurant to check out, look no further than The Runway Restaurant and Lounge.

Located at Barnes Air National Guard Base off route 202 about a mile past the Pike, The Runway has a cool atmosphere and great food. With big plate glass windows, so you can watch the planes take off and land. The Runway provides a great place to take that hot new date.

The Runway also has a bar stocked with over 25 different types of beer and offers \$1.99 appetizers and \$1.99 Coors drafts on Sundays. The Bar also has a nice 42 inch plasma TV for Sunday football.

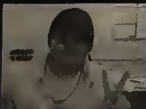
During warm weather months the restaurant also has a patio where you can watch the planes land and enjoy the beautiful weather.

Every Saturday night The Runway has live music playing, so go on down and check it out.

For information go check out their website at: <http://www.therunwayatbarnes.com/>

Voice Meeting!
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EDITOR'S DESK



Mid-terms are upon us and I have been pretty busy this week studying for the four I have and luckily, at this point, I only have one remaining which is tomorrow morning at 8:15.

Congrats to the Phillies on their championship. I don't think they were the best team in the league this year but in the end, they came out on top. Now I am excited for the awards to be given out. I would love to see Pedroia or Youkilis walk away with the MVP but who knows at this point. If it's not one of those two I don't think there is a third clear cut winner because I doubt they will give it to K-Rod being a reliever and Hamilton dropped off in the second half. We shall see.

As everyone knows, this weekend is Halloween and I hope everyone has a great time but be safe. This is the first year that Halloween has fallen on a weekend since I have been here so I am interested to see what the campus is like. Should be a great weekend.

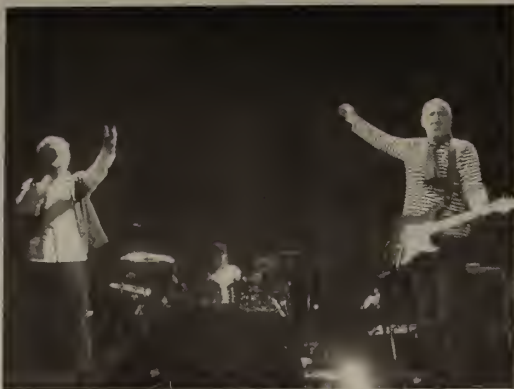
Make sure to vote next Tuesday! Every vote counts!

See you next week, everybody.

Song of the week: Stephen Kellogg - Such a Way

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The Who Rock TD Banknorth Garden



Roger Daltrey, Zak Starkey, and Pete Townshend



Roger Daltrey and Pete Townshend

COLBY HENDERSON EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Legendary rock band, The Who, played a near sold-out show this past Friday at the TD Banknorth Garden in Boston.

The Who took the stage with Roger Daltrey and Pete Townshend as the only two original surviving members of the band, which originated in England more than forty years ago. Drummer, Zak Starkey, son of Beatle legend Ringo Starr (Richard Starkey), has taken over the position for the deceased Keith Moon and bassist Pino Palladino took over for the legendary "thunder fingers" John Entwistle after his death in 2002.

The band kicked off the set with one of their first chart hits, "I Can't Explain," which was originally recorded 43 years ago. They continued with two more obscure hits, "The Seeker," and "Anyways." Anyways, before playing some new material off their 2006 album, *Endless Wire*.

Jumping back into the classics, Pete, Roger and the band played "Who Are You," off

the 1978 album of the same name, the last album released before the death of Moon. They would then date back seven years to the 1971 classic album, *Who's Next*, and play two concert staples and fan favorites, "Behind Blue Eyes" and "Baba O'Riley" before leading into the more obscure but equally crowd pleasing, "Getting in Tune."

The Who were just getting warmed up as they reached deeper into their catalog to play some lesser known hits including, "Sister Disco," off of *Who Are You*.

Eventually, they touched on the 1973 rock opera, *Quadrophonia*, as they played an incredible version of the half-rock, half-ballad, "Sea & Sand," along with "5:15," and finally, "Love, Reign O'er Me" as Daltrey's vocals soared higher than ever.

To end the first set, The Who played the classic, "My Generation," which was stretched from its measly 3:21 studio length to almost 10 minutes worth of jamming and improvising from Pete, Zak, and Pino. The Who ended the set with, "Won't Get Fooled Again," from the *Who's Next* album, with

Daltrey's famous growl at the end of Starkey's rendition of Keith Moon's legendary drum solo, nearly seven and a half minutes into the song.

The band made its way off the stage, with Roger and Pete sticking around for one final bow, trying to sell the fact that they were done for the night. After a five minute break, the Who took the stage for an encore which was also the first time the band played anything from the classic 1969 rock opera, *Tommy*. The Who started with the classic, fan favorite, "Pinball Wizard," which led into the concert staple's and *Tommy* classic's "Amazing Journey/Sparks" and "See Me, Feel Me."

The band then exited the stage for the final time while Pete grabbed his acoustic guitar and played an acoustic version of the song, "Tea & Theatre," off the 2006 album, *Endless Wire* with Daltrey, as the two surviving members of the classic band.

At the age of 63 and 64 respectively, Townshend and Daltrey may be coming to the end of an era which he may have hinted at during the show by saying, "It feels like the end of a beautiful dream."

Upcoming Shows In Northampton

@ The Calvin Theatre

Sunday, November 9 - Gov't Mule/Back Door Slam - 8pm, \$30

Thursday, November 13 - Dark Star Orchestra - 8pm, \$26

TFriday, November 14 - 1964 The Tribute(#1 Beatles tribute in the world!) - 8pm, \$35/\$25

@ The Iron Horse

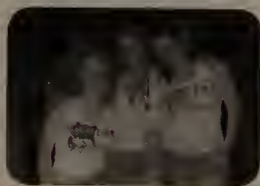
Saturday, November 1 - Ingrid Michaelson/David Ford - 7pm, \$23

Sunday, November 2 - Alix Olson - 7pm, \$15

@ Pearl Street

Saturday, November 1 - Stephen Kellogg & The Sixers/Pat McGehee Solo Acoustic - 7pm, \$20

CAB Halloween Dance



Photos by Hugh Mailly

Celtics raise Banner 17

JEFF DALE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Boston Celtics kicked off their 2008-2009 campaign this past Tuesday at the TD Banknorth Garden. They would get off to a great start in defense of their 17th championship, defeating LeBron James and the Cavaliers 90-85.

The Celtics storied franchise had high hopes at the beginning of last season, the highest they had been in a while. We all know the storyline, but let me refresh your memory if you've been under a rock for the past two years.

The Boston Celtics two seasons ago had hit rock bottom. Their long storied president and legend Red Auerbach died at the age of 89. The 2007 season was lost before it started. With Paul Pierce as the teams best player and a cast of young and inexperienced players surrounding him, the Celtics would go on to have their second worst season in franchise history, finishing with a 24-58 record.

The horrible season would be on account of Pierce going down with an "injury" late in the season along with Tony Allen tearing his ACL. Considering the prize in the upcoming drafts was a pick

between Greg Oden and Kevin Durant, two blue chip prospects, some would say the Celtics went into tank mode.

The "Luck of the Irish" did not pan out like it had done in the past. They would draw the number five pick overall when there was a 50 percent chance of getting a top two pick. The Celtics had seemed cursed. Some would say that with the loss of Red the Celtics had lost their lucky charm. Others would say it was karma biting them in the butt for tanking the season. Whatever it may have been, the Celtics were in trouble.

On draft night though an ex-Celtic would pull a little luck out of his sleeve. GM Danny Ainge would trade the pick along with Delonte West and Wally Szczerbiak to the SuperSonics for Ray Allen. One piece was in place. The other would come from another ex-Celtic.

Kevin McHale, the GM of the Timberwolves, after a month of talk would pull the trigger on one of the biggest trades in NBA history. Sending superstar Kevin Garnett to the Celtics in exchange for what seemed like the entire Celtics roster.

The rest, as they say, is history. The Celtics would barnstorm the NBA the next season, posting a 66-16 record accom-

plishing the greatest single season turn around in NBA history and posting the leagues best record.

The playoffs would be no different. Although more competitive, the Celtics would play two game sevens in the first two rounds. Then would go on to defeat the Pistons in six games and the Lakers in six as well, en route to their 17th championship banner.

Oh how things change and quickly for that matter. The Celtics now face a true challenge, something that has only been done twice this decade. That is, win back to back. The franchise has not done it in over 30 years. With the loss of James Posey, the team lost a key contributor. However, other player's roles will loom large in defense of the championship.

Can Tony Allen, two years removed for the ACL tear, become that go-to defender off the bench that Posey was last year? Will they find a veteran post player like they had in P.J. Brown last season? Can the Big Three stay healthy and keep the pace they had last year? Can they simply, stay hungry? All these questions are valid and will be answered in the next six months. One quote from Ray Allen did strike me though when I was reading an article on ESPN.com.

BOSTON CELTICS

NBA

2008 WORLD CHAMPIONS

Two seasons ago this picture would have been a joke. Who's laughing now?

"[Michael Jordan] told me when you win one, you've just [been] lucky."

Ouch! Taking shots from the immortal one. Whether they can repeat or not remains to be seen, but I would not count out a team with the Truth.

Pierce lost 10 pounds in the off-season and he always is the X-factor. As he showed us in game seven against the Cavs last year, he can run shot for shot with the games elite scorers. He

is a Hall of Famer already and his number 34 will be headed to the same place that 17th banner went Tuesday after he retires. But I still feel that Pierce, after everything, has something to prove. He is a man of pride and he spoke in the off-season about how he believes he's the games best player. He wants to prove it. He's about to have an MVP type season. You heard it here first.

Pats face big test in Indy Sunday

CRAIG NARDINI
SPORTS REPORTER

The Matt Cassel project has been an up and down rollercoaster ride with peaks that have shown him learning the system and having improved vision. The times where he looks confused are diminishing seemingly game by game and his pocket presence is not instilling fear and hasty passes as much.

The last two games against Denver and St. Louis have shown a more poised quarterback, one that will throw the ball away rather than toss it up, pick up more open guys than just Wes Welker, and even tuck the ball and run for yards when the pocket is collapsing. Randy Moss is starting to become involved in the game plan more and more as well, with two touchdowns against Denver and seven receptions for 102 yards against the Rams. This was a must, for this team to succeed Moss had to play with passion and be even better than last year to allow Cassel to become comfortable and have some type of security blanket. Moss has to be

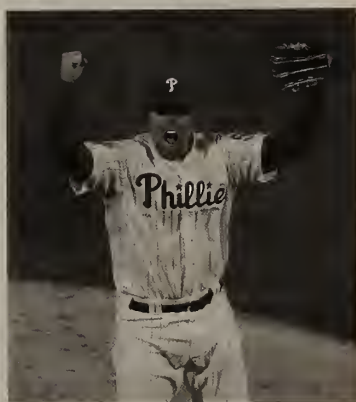
that dominate go to guy for this team to make the playoffs. However, I cannot and will not jump on the Cassel bandwagon for the plain fact that he is not a guy who can take a game over and put the team on his back. The Rams and Broncos have two of the worst defenses in the league, including secondaries that are comparable to ours. Not to mention in the Bronco game Champ Bailey and Dre Bly both were hobbled by injury along with the fact that they give up an average of 28 points per game. The Rams average is not much better allowing 26.5 points per game.

Next week could bring about different stars for Cassel because the Indianapolis Colts are much tougher on the pass than the run. If Cassel cannot move the ball through the air and the running game, without the first, second, and third string running backs, get bottled up the game could quickly become ugly. The secondary is still extremely vulnerable. Marc Bulger threw long strikes on two occasions to rookie wide out Donnie Avery and accumulated 301 passing yards. We all know what Peyton Manning can do, a match up of Delia O'Neil and

Reggie Wayne could end very badly as far as the Patriots are concerned. As good as Cassel has looked the previous two weeks, Pats fans cannot expect to engage in a shootout with Manning and have any chance of winning. He is not the field general Brady is, his release is still slow, and he has a bad tendency to hold on to the ball too long, resulting in an absurd amount of sacks.

However, even with all of these negatives one can see the improvements and strides Cassel is making. At 5-2, the Patriots find themselves in a first place tie with the Buffalo Bills in the AFC east. Our expectations have been met and surpassed by Cassel, he controls the game and does not lose it. However, Pats fans may be brought down to reality after next week if they do not jump on the Colts early, keep the ball out of the hands of Manning, and if Cassel is forced to throw to keep the game from getting out of hand, we could see the Matt Cassel that could not move the ball against the Chargers and Dolphins.

Phillies win first World Series since 1980



JEFF DALE
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After two days of waiting for the rain to stop, the World Series resumed play on Wednesday.

The Phillies won the game 4-3 and the Series 4-1. Winning for the first time in nearly 30 years the Phillies defeated the Tampa Bay Rays with out much of a fight.

The Rays bats, after hitting pretty well against the Red Sox, went silent on the

biggest stage.

The Rays ended up not being the team of destiny and the city of brotherly love ended up taking the title. A title its fans had long been awaiting.

Not as long as Sox fans in '04 or Cubs fans still, but still a long wait.

Congrats Philly fans your team is the best team in baseball! And oh how I envy you!

FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

If there is one thing I'm sick of as a baseball fan, it's Alan H. "Bud" Selig. This past week's game five suspension debacle is just one more in a long line of Selig screw ups which have been a bit of a black eye for baseball. Ah yes, the same man who proved there could very well be ties in baseball, proved once again this week that he is inadequate when it comes to running "the show."

Game five will probably end before I even finish writing this, meaning that by the time you, dear readers, get your hands on this, the World Series will probably be over, but that doesn't mean Bud Selig's reign over baseball will be. Unfortunately for baseball fans, it doesn't look like old droopy face will be out of office for a while.

Under his watch, baseball has gone from the undisputed national pastime to somewhat of a joke. Steroids and roid heads like Jose Canseco have come in like untended toddlers in an R-rated movie and ruined the game for everyone. Our all-time home run king, Barry Bonds, is about to go on trial and was black balled from the

game by the owners who conspired to keep him on the bench. Selig and his cronies spent more than a decade turning a blind eye to the troubles in the game because they didn't want to stir anything up, and now the product is a game which is seeing its lowest ratings in years.

Selig got his start in baseball when he bought the Seattle Pilots and moved them to Milwaukee, his home town. He renamed the team the Brewers and in 1982, the team went to the World Series. Since then, Bud Selig has been nothing more than a puppet at the top of Major League Baseball. From the players strike in 1994 which led to the cancellation of the World Series to his declaring the All-Star game in 2002, Selig's tenure has been full of half-wit mistakes and blatant disregard for corruption. While other major sports were busy implementing policies for illegal performance-enhancing drugs, Selig was ignoring them. In 1998, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa each broke Roger Maris' single-season record with astronomical totals of 70 and 66. The fact that no one had hit 60 since Maris 37 years before, and that only Maris

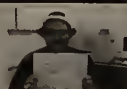
and Babe Ruth had ever reached the mark (before another roid-head Barry Bonds broke McGwire's mark in 2001)

Despite these suspicious numbers, when blinky the freakard, Jose Canseco, came out with his book Juiced and named the users and abusers in the past decade, Selig and baseball looked surprised and did very little to fix it at first. Threats of, and eventually, involvement from the federal government finally got Selig to make some changes.

His latest slip came this week, when he decided to play game 5 of the World Series in the rain in Philadelphia. With monsoon like conditions in Philly, and the Phillies up 2-1 in the fourth, Selig waited to "suspend" the game until after the Rays tied it, avoiding basically giving the Phillies the World Series title in a rain-shortened game. Now, as I type this, the Phillies are 3 outs away from their first title since 1980, but that's not the point. The point is, that the game shouldn't have even been played, but because of Major League Baseball's commitment to television schedules, they did. Bud Selig should have been man enough to call the

game and wait until the weather was better. It's not worth risking the health of players because a TV contract needs to be fulfilled, unless of course you're Bud Selig.

Obviously, the Phillies are probably going to win this game and the Series, but it certainly would have been nice to see Selig get screwed once more for a bone head, ill-advised move.



Bud Selig's choice to play Game 5 was obviously a poor decision.

Westfield Wins 5th Straight Crown

MICKEY CURTIS
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

WESTFIELD - Westfield State captured its fifth straight Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) women's cross-country championship with a runaway victory on Saturday, Oct. 25, at Stanley Park.

Led by individual champion Kerry Arouca - a junior from Hanson, Mass. - the Owls placed seven runners in the top 11 in posting the fourth lowest total in the meet's 24-year history.

Westfield finished with 24 points in the seven-team meet, followed by Bridgewater State (72) and Worcester State (90).

Arouca continued her strong running this season with a time of 18:44.64 over the 3.1-mile course. Westfield State senior Marianne Mealey of Foxboro placed second at 19:13.04, followed by Bridgewater sophomore Amanda Hauswirth (19:26.97) and hard-working Westfield State senior Marlee Berg (19:53.69).

Worcester State freshman Maura Withington earned MASCAC Rookie of the Year honors by placing fifth in 20:10.01.

Also earning all-conference honors were: Fitchburg freshman Katelyn Page (6th),

Worcester's Kara Antrim (7th), Westfield junior Ally Brown (8th), Westfield freshman Marissa Benito (9th), and Westfield freshman Nicole Brouwer (10th).



Westfield State's Kerry Arouca crosses the finish line first.



Ashley Conway, Westfield State's only senior, is honored along with her parents prior to the Owls' final home volleyball match.

Westfield Posts Big Win At Salem

MICKEY CURTIS
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

SALEM - Sophomore Ali Pease (Ludlow) scored two goals and senior Jenn Leveille (Southampton) scored the game-winning goal to propel the Westfield State women's soccer team to a big 3-2 conference victory at Salem State on Saturday, Oct. 25.

The Owls are now 12-4 overall and tied for first place in the Mass. State Conference with Bridgewater State with a

5-1 record. Westfield State has clinched a berth in the conference's postseason tournament and it can earn the No. 1 seed with a victory over MCLA in its regular season finale next Saturday.

Salem (11-3-1 overall, 3-3 conference) took a 1-0 lead with a goal in the 30th minute, but Pease knotted the score just over a minute later, with an assist by Meg Gearin on a corner kick.

The game's final three goals were scored in rapid-fire fashion in a 1:13 span at the outset of the second half.

Pease scored at the 46:20 mark, then Salem's Nicole Therberge tied the score at 2-all with an unassisted goal at 47:10. Twenty-three seconds later, Leveille scored an unassisted goal for the game-winner.

The Owls were out-shot, 12-11. Westfield goalie Jess Pieciak recorded seven saves.

GODSPELL



10/30, 10/31, 11/1 AT 8 PM

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Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

This is the time to step away from your usual ruts and routines and live more in the moment. This energy brings out the best of your social skills, making it easy to meet new people and exchange ideas and dreams. Later in the week care is needed not to rush into making harsh judgments or taking radical actions.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

This chart energy makes you the center of attention. It'll seem like everybody has that frozen deer in the headlights kind of look to them as they wait to see what you're going to do or say next. This energy causes the situations that can help you to elevate both your career and social position.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

You are being called to a brand new life adventure. This is when you'll feel the desire to travel and to live as large as you can. The only real limitation you have is the limits you place upon your imagination. Be aware that this is also when personal temptations are most likely to appear.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

This week's chart energy will send powerful surges of energy and the super-charge your inner life force. Every part of this transit brings out the best of your personal charm and charisma and causes others to be extremely attracted to you.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

This is a week that features your personal relationships and interaction with others. The main idea in play this week is to keep the lines of communication open and to seek to find the win-win solutions. It brings out the best of your people skills and causes others to feel that is a pleasure to be around you.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

You would be wise to put aside your personal concerns at the moment and focus your attention on getting the tasks and chores completed in the most efficient and organized way.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

This week calls out for you to work hard when you must. But when the opportunities present themselves, by all means have as much fun as possible. Make sure you handle your responsibilities and obligations before you scamper off to go play, however.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

This energy is designed to cause you to take that cold hard look at your future your current path and direction is taking you, to determine if it has the capacity to be able to provide the prosperity and abundance you desire. If not, then this is the time to start planning to make important life changes.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 23)

This week's chart energy is about making sure you are not getting too careless or lazy in your communication abilities. You also need to be very clear about your personal thoughts and feelings so there'll be no misunderstandings later on. Keep the mood as light as possible.

Libra

(September 24 - October 23)

Your chart is giving you a penetrating insight in to your personal finances and what is needed to reach higher levels of wealth and abundance. This is a great time for any financial transactions or making major purchases.

Scorpio

(October 24 - November 22)

You'll be in your high cycle this week, so that means you should pull out all the stops and to push yourself hard to accomplish as much as you can while the planets are favoring your actions.

Sagittarius

(November 21 - December 23)

Floods of insight and understanding will be available to you this week. Ask the universe questions and it'll find a way to get the answers to you. This energy makes you very attractive to others, making this a great time to meet new people or for starting new relationships. Be original as possible and shine brightly.

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Sun 11/2	Mass 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Interfaith Center	MTG presents "Godspell" 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dever	Mass 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Interfaith Center
Mon 11/3	Intramurals 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Parenzo Gym	Intramurals 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Turf	CAB's "Say What Karaoke" Preliminary Round 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Ely Main Lounge
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OBAMA WINS!!!



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KRISTIN SHERWOOD VOICE REPORTER

Barack Obama has changed the history of the country and has emerged victorious in the 2008 Presidential Election. Within three months, the United States will have inaugurated its first Black president.

Late Tuesday night, news of Obama's victory was announced to the country after he gained the necessary 270 Electoral College votes needed to win the election.

Americans across the country celebrated his victory at rallies, at home, or in the streets. The WSC campus was also excited as exclamations of joy and shouts of "Obama!" could be heard all across the campus after he triumphed over McCain. Even the McCain supporters could not deny the significance of this victory as Barack Obama was announced the first African-American president of the United States.

Beating McCain by a considerable amount, Obama won a majority of the electoral

votes and the popular votes. He won the decisive victory after the election returns came in from western states like California, Oregon, and Washington, which was shortly after 11 p.m. on the Eastern coast. Earlier in the night, Obama had won the electoral votes of key states like Ohio, Pennsylvania, and even Florida.

McCain then made a concession speech in Phoenix in which he said that he wanted to, "urge all Americans who supported me to join me in not just congratulating him, but offering our next president our good will and earnest effort to find ways to come together."

The president-elect, Barack Obama, also encouraged

his family, and his campaign managers and said that the victory, "proved once more that the true strength of our nation comes not from the might of our arms or the scale of our wealth, but from the enduring power of our ideals: democracy, liberty, opportunity and unyielding hope." It was with this message of "unyielding hope" that he gained millions of votes across the nation. At the end of his speech, Obama said that this was the victory of the American people.

Barack Obama made history on Tuesday night. The 44th president of the United States will be a Black man and the country's history has changed forever. The election result is not only a victory for Democrats or for Obama supporters, but it is a realization of the dreams of those who fought for years for civil rights and for equality.

For the first time, an African-American man will be the president of the United States. In the words of our next president, "Change has come to America."

Americans to come together when he made his victory speech in Chicago. He hoped that Americans would, "summon a new spirit of patriotism, of responsibility, where each of us resolves to pitch in and work harder and look after not only ourselves but each other." Obama thanked his supporters,



Obama accepting the nomination in August.

photo by dailykos.com

By Wednesday morning, Obama was leading McCain in the Electoral College by a 338-163 lead with 37 electoral votes still being processed.

Shortly after Obama was announced the winner, McCain made the call to congratulate him on becoming the next president of the country.

WSC Student of the Week



Stats: Andrew Johnson, 19-year-old sophomore from Burlington, Mass.

Major: Mass communication - media arts

What is your favorite article of clothing?

I like jackets. I own a lot of jackets.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be?
Read women's minds so I can understand what they are thinking

If you won the lottery what are the first three things you would buy?

Buy as many records as I can, buy a swimming pool and fill it with stuffed animals, buy a VIP pass to Bonnaroo

What's your favorite meal?
Cheesy fries from the dining commons

If you could see any concert, what would it be?
The Beatles

If you could sleep with one famous person, who would it be?

Rachel McAdams

What do you want to be when you grow up?
Gynecologist

If you want to be the Westfield State College student of the Week, or want to submit a friend as Student of the Week, email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

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U.S. Soldiers' Boots Displayed on the Green

KRISTIN SHERWOOD
VOICE REPORTER

Last Thursday and Friday the Students for Peace and Justice set up a display in remembrance of United States soldiers from New England who have died as a result of the Iraq War. Peace and Justice Club students put one pair of boots on the WSC campus green for each New England soldier who has died in the war. There were 171 pairs of boots on the green representing the deaths of those who are from just the six New England states: Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.

Among the boots were statistics that listed the body count for United States soldiers and Iraqi civilians. Since the beginning of the war in 2003, more than 4000 American troops have died and between 88,851 and 96,976 Iraqi civilians have died.

Some WSC students walked by the boots exhibit and glanced curiously at the boots while others took the time to walk through the rows and read the information. Erin Judge, who is the president of the Students for Peace and Justice Club, said she saw people walking through the rows of boots and hoped that



Students walk by The boots' exhibit last Thursday on the green.

photo by Hugh Mailly

they stopped to really think about it.

Judge explained that the Students for Peace and Justice Club feel that the war in Iraq should come to an end. She said that the club felt that they needed to remind people about the Iraq War as students went to vote on Tuesday. With all of the focus on the poor economy in the election, Judge said that the club,

"wanted to remind people that there is a war going on and we have forgotten about it."

The idea for the boots display came from a project called "Eyes Wide Open" by the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). AFSC puts up this exhibit all around the United States to remind people about the cost of war. The Students for Justice and Peace

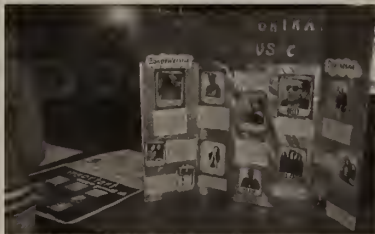
had seen this "Eyes Wide Open" display of boots at a peace march in Boston.

Hopefully the exhibit on campus helped to remind students about the war and to appreciate the soldiers who have put their lives on the line. The boots that were displayed last Thursday and Friday represented only a fraction of the total number of American soldiers who

have died as a result of the Iraq War: is 4190 as of November 4th, 2008.

As Judge stated, "We still have men and women over there fighting for us and dying for us and we shouldn't forget them." We won't forget the U.S. soldiers fighting in the war and we especially won't forget the 4190 men and women who sacrificed their lives.

Westfield State College Hosts Feminist Fair



One of the poster displayed at the feminist fair. photo by Tara Conant

MARY CAFFERTY
VOICE REPORTER

Domestic violence, rape, and sexual assault are just a few of the many issues that women in this country face on a daily basis. According to end-abuse.org, one in three women report suffering physical or sexual abuse at the hands of a husband, boyfriend, or intimate

partner. Even more startlingly, "pregnant and recently pregnant women are more likely to be victims of homicide than die of any other cause." And yet, despite these deeply disturbing statistics, violence against women is something that is kept relatively silent, especially global issues such as honor killings, genital mutilations, dowry deaths, and burning by acid. Women's Studies

Professor Tara Conant described the positive feedback that the Feminist Fair generated from both faculty and students.

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Driver kills mother, son out for Halloween

JOHN M. GUILFOIL
BOSTON GLOBE

WESTFIELD - School administrators choked back tears yesterday as they spoke about the boy with the biggest smile and the wisest 'hello' wave, and his single mother, who worked hard but found time to attend school functions and stay on top of her son's homework.

Halloween candy littered the sidewalk yesterday at South Maple Street and Maplewood Avenue, where Westfield police said Roberta A. Salois, 47, and her son, Steven X. Smith-Salois, 9, were hit by a car and killed about 8:15 Friday night as they crossed the road while out trick-or-treating. Salois was pronounced dead after being taken to Noble Hospital in Westfield.

Her son was pronounced dead at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

Police said no charges have been filed against Anne R. Schlichtig, 26, of Westfield, the driver that struck the mother and son.

Neighbor Marie Marx said her 11-year-old daughter was trick-or-treating with



Flowers mark the spot at where the tragedy occurred.

Salois's sister and her daughter when they saw the accident scene. "They had no idea what they had come upon," Marx said by telephone yesterday from her home less than a block from the accident site. "By the time they got there, the victims were already gone by ambulance."

Marx said her daughter saw "candy all over the road and the little boy's shoes in the street."

The boy was dressed in a Batman costume, Marx said.

Marx said South Maple Street, also known as Route 202, has street lights and sidewalks, but traffic was moving fast Friday night, Marx said.

"I must say it's a very busy street," she said. "People were driving very fast. . . . What should have been a very fun night turned into a tragedy for everyone."

School administrators described Steven as an outgoing, popular student whose mother

was at his school hours before the accident to visit her son during the school's fall festival.

"Steven was a wonderful, wonderful, wonderful boy," said Christopher Manfredi, vice principal of Juniper Park Elementary School, where the boy was a fourth-grader. "He was always saying hello with a smile on his face. There wasn't a day that went by where Steven wouldn't say 'Hi' to me in my office."

Salois had recently

donated a cache of school supplies, such as pencils, erasers, and highlighters, to the school store, something she did every year. "I approached her to thank her yesterday," Manfredi said. "She was always just a giving person. She was a very kind-hearted person."

Her world revolved around her son, said Jim Kane, the school principal.

"There was so much in life she probably sacrificed just to make sure Steven had what he needed," he said. "She did everything for him, and I don't mean like spoiling him, just supporting him."

Kane said that Salois took pride in making sure her son's schoolwork was done on time and that he was always properly dressed for school, with neatly combed hair.

He loved going to school, Kane said.

The school department's crisis team met yesterday and will meet again today to discuss how to respond to the loss. Each grade level will be addressed individually, Kane said.

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Interview with Director of Godspell Molly Coyle



Stephen Castro-Barbosa, "Lorenzo" singing during a weekend performance of *Godspell*. photo by Hugh Mallory

Musical Theatre Guild's fall production, *Godspell*, took stage this past weekend. Here's what Assistant Director Molly Coyle said about the play:

How did you become assistant director?

The normal process requires two directors to come before the executive board and then the board chooses the show and whether or not you get to direct. What happened this time is that Andrew Stegelmann was chosen to direct but his original assistant was turned down and another one was chosen for him. The chosen assistant then was informed that he would be unable to attend Westfield in the fall so I was asked in August if I could take over at the last minute.

How was it directing your first play?

This was an amazing experience. We were truly blessed with a talented cast that were able to pick things up quickly and that left a lot of time to develop their characters.

How was casting? Was it a difficult process?

Casting was fairly difficult but not terrible. We knew pretty much right off the bat that we wanted Brion Stokes as Jesus, and from there we casted everyone else. We had a big turn out to cast a fourteen person show so it was hard to turn down people who were also talented but we always encourage people to come back.

How is your budget?

Our budget isn't too tight. We made a creative decision to have everyone in regular clothes. Also, because it was a small show, we tried to save as much money as possible so that it could carry over to the next semester when we'll probably put on a bigger show.

I heard from someone that the cast improvised a lot of lines. Is that true?

There was a lot of improvisation in the show. The cast were so well prepared in terms of learning their lines quickly that we were able to spend a lot of time on what was funny and what wasn't. They always stuck to the script, they just added in some reaction lines when they were talking amongst themselves. The really personalized each character and I think that's one of the things that people enjoyed about it.

The Angry Liberal

MOLLY COYLE
MANAGING EDITOR



Sounds of rejoice could be heard around campus on Tuesday night in the celebration of Senator Barack Obama winning the election, and my shouts were among them.

It was like Christmas had come early this year for many of us in Massachusetts: Obama won the election, Question 1 was turned down, the decriminalization of marijuana passed, and dog racing is now banned. I've been asked by a few people, "So what does the angry liberal have to be angry about now?" It's true that I'm not angry at the moment but that doesn't mean that I think life will be all puppies and rainbows since we elected a democrat into the white house and we now have a majority of democrats in the senate and the house as well. I've said it before and I'll say it again: No one should blindly fol-

low anyone, anything or any idea. I'm sure there will be things that the democrats will do that I won't agree with and I will be sure to discuss this.

Back to Tuesday night, John McCain gave a beautiful concession speech from Arizona that made me wonder if things would have turned out differently for him had he spoken like that during the campaign. He was gracious and when people booed Obama he asked them to stop and listen to him. It was a great speech and I give McCain a lot of credit.

That being said, Obama's speech from Chicago was absolutely stunning. He was cool and collected (which struck some people as odd) and he spoke of McCain's courage and how it would be a tough next couple of years but how we, altogether as Americans, could make

it. He also called upon the McCain supporters who hadn't voted for him but he said that he hoped we could still all work together. As he said last night, "We have never been just a collection of individuals or a collection of red states and blue states; we are and always will be The United States of America."

Obama's message of change rang true last night and I hope that he really can implement some of that change, despite our spirally economy. The way I see it, the very least he can do is put republicans in his cabinet. Bipartisan efforts don't cost any money and might refresh some negative views of the other party if we all felt like everyone's voice is being heard. Even if all of his programs can't get through and he doesn't implement every good idea that he has presented during this campaign, a shift in the people's faith in their government is in itself a great change; indeed a change we can believe in.

EDITOR'S DESK



YAY for Obama!!! I could not be happier about the outcome of the election. What a historical and exciting time for America. As I watched news coverage last night, I couldn't help but reflect on all of the tragic events that have left their mark in history. The shooting at Columbine High School, 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina are just some of the things my generation will carry with them. Now, finally, we have something positive to remember about our country. The first African-American President was elected last night! That is so awesome!

Now that the election season is behind us and not much goes on in the beginning of November, hundreds of students will inevitably begin battling S.A.D. (Seasonal Affective Disorder). I know that right now I'm sitting at The Voice and at 9:17 PM it feels like 12:00 AM. Luckily the holidays are almost upon us to numb our depression with food and materialism. Thanksgiving, my personal favorite, will be here in the blink of an eye. Hopefully I can eat enough turkey to sleep through the rest of the winter.

Just Sex with Lauren Mattos

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For all you long distance relationship people (including me), don't you get a little jealous when you see two people slobbering all over each other on the green or better yet, the DC? When I see two people who, when kissing, bear a strong resemblance to two Saint Bernards, I get a little jealous too. Not because you don't have a boy-toy, a luscious lady, or a Saint Bernard, but because they live way too far from you.

A good number of people I have met at Westfield State College have at least an hour drive to their hometown. Many

of those people have a significant other back home or have one here but must suffer without them through holiday and summer breaks. Whatever your situation may be, long distance relationships are rarely easy and it takes a good effort to make it work.

It is my understanding that LDR's have much more success when the distance is still drivable. Of course there are always those exceptions, but if the distance is not somewhat temporary and you have very little, if at all face time, then it's going to be a lot harder or most likely not work at all. One female reader gave good insight on this issue: "I honestly don't know how it would work if there was never a time that you saw each other on a regular basis unless your relationship already had a strong foundation and the distance was only temporary." Others on the board tended to agree, with female reader Kylie chiming in, "If two can stay happy together over long distance it shows their high level of commitment and dedication. They

make it work. And good for them!" Agreed, Kylie, and well put. It seems that most agreed that LDR's work best if you already had a relationship beforehand that was not strained by distance, thereby building a strong enough foundation to handle the situation.

Now this brings up the trust issue. Almost everyone on the board brought it up, and yes it is not only the most important issue in a LDR, but also any relationship. Now I know you have all seen these gems: Drunk chick crying in the hallway on the phone with her boyfriend; drunk dude yelling on the phone or sitting against the common room wall looking defeated; A guy or girl picking up the phone and you can hear the "where-are-you-who-are-you-with" routine from their significant other. One gender is not more or less guilty than the other; both guys and ladies do it. If you are one of these people or if your significant other is one, then stop. If they don't trust you or you don't trust them, it's not going to work. If they are convinced you

are cheating on them when they have no reason to believe such a thing, chances are they are probably cheating or thinking about cheating on you. Cut the cord and enjoy college. No one needs that crap.

I just remembered that my column is called "Just Sex" so let me touch on that subject at least. Another question I asked people was with all the strain of LDR's, how do you keep it "spicy"? Well thanks to modern technology, there are all sorts of ways you can get naughty with your guy or gal. Phone sex can be fun, but just make sure your roommate is gone. That could make for a very awkward situation. Instant messaging can be fun too, as it can let you explicitly describe anything you want

and let your significant other's imagination run wild. Web cams, well, that's up to you. Some believe it to be too risky, others are said to love it. I can't say I have experience with it, so I'll leave that choice up to you. A heavy favorite of many I asked seemed to be the sexy text, or a "sex" if you will. I can't really take credit for that clever portmanteau, but thanks to my friend Charlie for providing the humor.

That's it for this week, remember to join the Facebook group "Just Sex @ The Voice" so you can share your opinions!

Send us feedback at:
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EDITOR'S DESK



Well, regardless of whether or not it is a gateway drug, the citizens of Massachusetts decided it should be decriminalized. As the school President said at the "Pancakes for the President" Tuesday night "Dogs are outgrass is in." And I'm sure people in the education department are happy that question I did not pass.

So for the first time in my life (as far as when I was actually following politics) everything I wanted to happen on election day did. President Obama will bring a true sense of hope to this country for the first time in a while. I hope President Obama will bring this country together as he has said, because we need it. We face more challenges in the next four to eight years than at anytime in my life. I hope President Obama will meet those challenges head on, and deal with them by reaching out beyond party lines. He must! He did it at Harvard when he was President of the Law Review. He was known as a person who did not take sides with his party. He worked with those on the right just as much as those on the left. I believe he will do exactly that as President.

There has not been a President who has dealt with so much on their plate since FDR. President Obama will inherit two wars abroad, along with a colossal economic crisis. This will be no easy job. The work has just begun. I hope he is up to the challenge... but the way America voted on Tuesday makes me feel confident in our choice.

Until next week... peace everybody...

.....and congrats President Obama... you made history!

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Christian Fellowship Welcomes All Students

Come to any Tuesday night meeting @ 7pm downstairs in the Interfaith Center (the little chapel next to Wilson Hall). We have a great group of students who fellowship together, talk about issues we are facing, encourage one another, read and discuss the Bible, have delicious refreshments and live musicians. It's a great night to relax and meet some new people while studying God's word. We invite you to visit.

Letter to the Editor

E. JAYNE FORISH
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

Marijuana is a gateway drug; it opens up the potential for using and abusing more harmful drugs," writes Voice columnist Kristin Sherwood.

No scientific studies have conclusively proven the theory that marijuana is a so-called "gateway" drug. A hypothesis must withstand rigorous testing that produces repeated results in order for it to be accepted as a legitimate theory. Although numerous studies have been conducted regarding people's patterns of drug use both in the United States and around the world, there is no hard evidence that supports the theory that marijuana is a gateway drug.

In actuality, the use of harder drugs, such as cocaine or heroin, usually declines in areas where marijuana is decriminalized or legalized. In Holland in the 1970s, for example, marijuana was partially legalized. Parallel to its legalization, the

use of cocaine and heroin declined. If marijuana were a gateway drug, one would anticipate hard drug use to increase with its legalization.

Sherwood also writes that marijuana can "cause more driving accidents." Studies have shown that in reality, alcohol, a legal drug, causes far more automobile accidents than marijuana and that the majority of marijuana-related accidents are non-fatal, which cannot be said of alcohol. In addition, a large percentage of accidents that involve marijuana also involve the use of alcohol or another substance, making it difficult to support any theory that marijuana alone acts as a major factor in automobile accidents.

The results of the most comprehensive study to date conducted by National Highway Transportation Safety Administration confirmed that marijuana does not lead to higher accident rates on our nation's highways. The study, conducted in the early 1990s, established that marijuana is comparatively less harmful than alcohol when it comes to highway safety.

1,882 blood samples were taken from the drivers of fatal motor vehicle accidents in seven different states across the U.S. Alcohol was found in over 50% of the test subjects, while marijuana was found in the bloodstreams of only 6.7% of the subjects. Of the 6.7% of specimen that tested positive for marijuana, two-thirds of that sample also tested positive for alcohol. The study concluded that alcohol was a significantly more "dominant" drug-related factor in automobile accidents than marijuana.

Additionally, other studies have shown that, although states in which marijuana is decriminalized experience an increase in marijuana use, they also experience a relative decrease in alcohol use. The decrease in alcohol use consequently resulted in a simultaneously decrease in fatal motor vehicle accidents. Such results seem to suggest that there is a positive correlation between the decriminalization of marijuana and increased safety on the roadways.

The Freshmen Experience

MARY CAFFERTY
VOICE COLUMNIST



Oh, so it's already November.

Not many people know this, but November is National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo for short). What does that mean, exactly? Well, it means that a lot of people attempt to do the same crazy thing: write a complete novel in thirty days. Yes, that's right, a complete novel - 50,000 words - in the thirty days of November, beginning at 12:01 on November 1st, and ending at exactly 11:59 on November 30th. This results in a lot of caffeine-driven nights and the author's equivalent of a guitarist's jam session.

Who would attempt something that sounds so completely miserable, the upside down, and ultimately ridiculous? I, for one, along with over 100,000 other people in 80 countries around the world. The

thing is, you get nothing if you win, and no one reads the manuscript.

So why bother? Well, because it's something I've been told is impossible, especially on a first-year college kid's schedule. And, I mean, almost everyone's got the words "write a novel" on their list of things to do before they die, even if that list only exists in the back of their mind. But who actually follows through and does it? I know for a fact that if this contest didn't exist, I would never have the motivation to come up with an idea and stick with it long enough to turn it into a novel.

Plus, I just really want to be able to say I did it.

And the upside to NaNoWriMo is that the novels you produce don't even have to be good, they just have to be 50,000 words long. So I don't

feel bad about the fact that the premise for my novel is completely ridiculous to me and involves strange encounters on otherworldly subways.

So I have turned, over the past four days, into that random girl who totes her laptop with her everywhere she goes, and pulls it out to write bits of a novel in every spare possible second. I've also almost mastered the art of writing while looking like I'm paying attention, as well as covering scraps of paper and margins not with the usually doodles but instead with ideas for plot twists.

Wish me luck, my friends! Because as we speak, I still have 41,376 words left to go. If you'd like more information about NaNoWriMo, or are interested in becoming a participant yourself, visit www.nanowrimo.org.

If you would like to write a letter to the editor email us at thevoice@wsc.nia.edu

Presidential Election 2008

44th President of the United States Barack Obama



President-Elect Barack Obama
Senator Illinois - Democrat

Obama is the first African-American to be elected President of the United States and was the first African-American to be nominated for President by a major U.S. political party. A graduate of Columbia University and Harvard

Law School, he became the first African American to serve as president of the Harvard Law Review. Obama worked as a community organizer and practiced as a civil rights attorney before serving three terms in the Illinois Senate from 1997 to 2004. He taught constitutional law at the University of Chicago Law School from 1992 to 2004. Following an unsuccessful bid for a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2000, he announced his campaign for the U.S. Senate in January 2003.

After a primary victory in March 2004, Obama delivered the keynote address at the Democratic National Convention in July 2004. He was elected to the Senate in November 2004 with 70 percent of the vote.

As a member of the Democratic minority in the 109th Congress, he helped create legislation to control conventional weapons and to promote greater public accountability in the use of federal funds. He also made official trips to Eastern Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. During the 110th Congress, he helped create legislation regarding lobbying and electoral fraud, climate change, nuclear terrorism, and care for returned U.S. military personnel. Obama announced his presidential campaign in February 2007, and was formally nominated at the 2008 Democratic National Convention with Delaware senator Joe Biden as his running mate.



Vice President-Elect Joe Biden
Senator Delaware - Democrat

Biden was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and lived there for ten years prior to moving to Delaware. He became an attorney in 1969, and was elected to a county council in 1970. Biden was first elected to the Senate in 1972 and became the fifth-youngest senator in U.S. history. He was re-elected to the Senate in 1978, 1984, 1990, 1996, 2002, and 2008, and has served for the sixth-longest period among current senators.

Biden is a long-time member and current chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee. His strong advocacy helped bring about U.S. military assistance and intervention during the Bosnian War. He voted in favor of the Iraq War Resolution, but later proposed resolutions to alter U.S. strategy there. He has served as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, dealing with issues related to drug policy, crime prevention, and civil liberties, and led creation of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act and Violence Against Women Act. He chaired the Judiciary Committee during the contentious U.S. Supreme Court nominations of Robert Bork and Clarence Thomas.

Biden unsuccessfully sought the Democratic presidential nomination in 1988 and 2008, both times dropping out early in the process. Barack Obama selected Biden to be the Democratic Party nominee for Vice President in the 2008 U.S. election.

by The Westfield Voice



Obama Family



Vice President-elect Joe Biden (right) with wife Jill and Barack Obama (left) with wife Michelle (center)

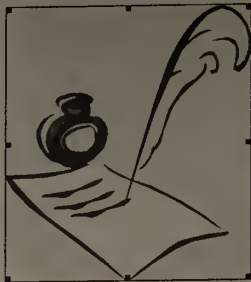


Barack Obama



President-elect Barack Obama giving his acceptance speech in Chicago, Illinois on November 7, 2008

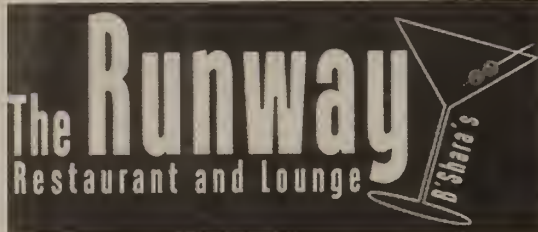
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HALLOWEEN TRAGEDY CONTINUED...

"This is a kid that, if you yourself had a bad day, if you felt down about something, Steven could recognize when someone else was having a bad day, and he would walk up to you with a big wave and make sure you're OK," Kane said. "Everyone, kindergarteners through fifth-graders, everybody knew Steven."

Across town, the family of Roberta Salois, who had five siblings, mourned in private.

"The whole family is going to get together and meet and plan things out from here," Roberta's sister-in-law Pam Salois said, speaking briefly outside her home on Russellville Road.

The family was in no condition to talk yesterday, she said.

Salois's brother Richard Salois said his sister worked in accounting and was the second youngest of six. He said Steven was a "good kid."

"They're wonderful people, and they were taken too early," he said.

A makeshift memorial marked the site of the accident yesterday with a balloon, bouquets of flowers, and a floral arrangement in the shape of a cross.

Mary Phillips, 80, who

lives across the street from the accident, said she came running out when she heard commotion.

"We all ran out of the houses and saw that two people were hurt," she said. "I saw candy thrown all over the road; the little shoe was laying in the middle of the road."

She said she has lived in the neighborhood more than 35 years.

"You know, this street is a real bad street. People go very fast, and they should do something about it," she said. "There have been so many accidents. They should put a red light here."

No one answered the door at Schlichig's home yesterday. A woman who answered the phone said the family had no comment.

This accident was the second in which a Salois family member was struck by a car in as many decades.

According to The Springfield Republican, in 1994, Reigh E. Salois, Jr., Roberta Salois's nephew, was 16 when he was hit by a drunk driver while walking with friends from a YMCA haunted house in Westfield. He was dragged 100 feet down Court Street, less than a mile from where his aunt and cousin were hit Friday.

He was left a quadriplegic and died in 2005 at age 27. The Republican reported.

FEMINIST FAIR CONTINUED...

"The fair provided feedback and discussion about the issue of violence against women," she stated. This is one of the many important aspects of the fair; it got people talking about issues that are usually not discussed.

Even among victims, there is a pressure to keep silent and a certain shame that is mistakenly associated with reporting sexual abuse or rape. Thus,

despite the staggering statistics, there are many more women who are survivors of such acts, but not included in official numbers.

Violence against women is a global issue that needs to be dealt with and discussed in the open, and the Feminist Fair that took place on campus was a vehicle to begin that discussion. Hopefully the positive discussions generated during the fair can continue, and we can make a move toward action.

Voice Meeting!
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Voice Staff Halloween Spread



Sports columnist, Matthew Castonguay (left)
and co-editor-in-chief, Colby Henderson



Colby Henderson (left), Andrew Johnson, and lay-
out editor, Angela Bunt (right)



Business manager, Catherine Grolla (left)
and co-editor-in-chief, Jeffrey Dale



Colby Henderson (left) and Jeffrey Dale



Editors Kathleen Hedlinar (left) and Cait Penndorf



Colby Henderson (left) and sports editor, Patrick Dayton



Jeffrey Dale



Angela Bunt

"Rocknrolla" Movie Review

MATTHEW GOSCMINSKI
MOVIE CRITIC

I went into "Rocknrolla" ignorant of any plot, reviews, or trailers. All I knew was that this was Guy Ritchie's latest movie and two of his previous movies, "Snatch" and "Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels," are among my all-time favorites. There's no doubt that "Rocknrolla" follows the same formula as the other two movies: a sprawling cast of cockney British gangster-esque types whom are all interconnected by a clockwork-like sequence of events which leads to both a satisfying and brilliant end.

The movie has a large cast, mainly names one wouldn't recognize, but a few notables peek out here and there. You have Gerard Butler (300) as a charming thug for hire, Tom Wilkinson as a corrupt wannabe gangster who deals in real estate scams, and Jeremy Piven sports a supporting role as a shady club owner.

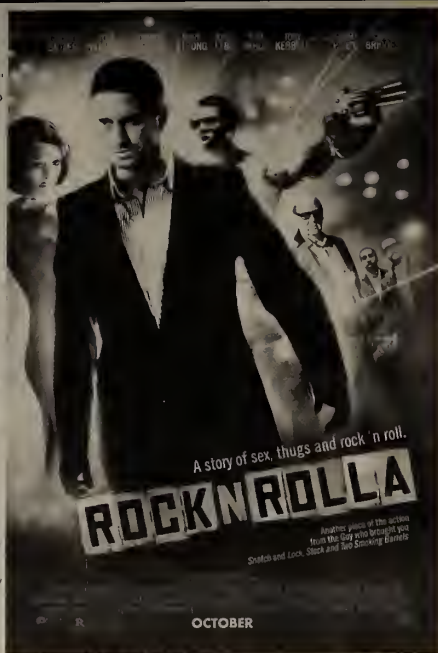
The movie might be a bit hard to follow at first, which

is usually how Guy Ritchie's movies start out. It frequently jumps from character to character and it's hard to understand the connection between them all. The basic plot is that Wilkinson gets Butler's crew caught up in a real estate fraud fiasco that makes some dangerous people very angry, and that's really the best way I can explain it without confusing people. The movie works brilliantly though, all of the characters are just little pieces that on their own are rather insignificant, but seeing them come together is what makes this movie stand out.

Aside from the story, all the actors do a great job in bringing their character's to life. They might be a bit too exaggerated at times but hey that's what a movie is for, to entertain us with people that are more interesting than us. This was also the first movie I had seen Gerard Butler in since "300," and I must say he is still a good actor even when he isn't screaming for glory between flexing his pecks while simultaneously ripping Persians in half with his biceps. I also enjoyed Toby Kebbell's per-

formance. Kebbell played the "Rocknrolla" of the film, a thought to be dead rock-star/junkie/genius who I've never seen in a movie before.

Fans of "Snatch" and "Lock Stock" will not be disappointed, this movie has the same blend of dark humor, action and violence that made the other two so memorable. However, "Rocknrolla" doesn't seem as well crafted as the other two. This might just be because I've seen "Snatch" and "Lock Stock" many, many times and haven't quite given "Rocknrolla" the same amount of thought I have those two. Though one thing is for sure, I know I'll be making my way to the movies to see it again because it's definitely the best film in theaters right now.



Sexy drugs and Rock and Roll? Sounds pretty cool to me.

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DJ
of the Week

Name: Nick Cosky

Hometown: Auburn, Mass.

Major: Communications

Grade: junior

Show(s): The Nick and Andy Show (Tues. 4-6)

The Ange, Cosky and Tratt Show (Tues. 6-8)

Show details: "Me and Andy have been doing our show together for three years. We're from the same hometown, so usually we just play music and joke about stupid stuff. The Ange, Cosky and Tratt Show is new this year. Ange for the most part hogs the mic and me and Tratt do a lot of cuddling."

EDITOR'S DESK



Halloween has past us and the election has finally come and gone. Now we have the holidays to look forward to with Thanksgiving less than three weeks away. I don't think it can come soon enough, I think we could all use the short break at this point.

It seems like the election is being covered extensively in other areas of the paper so I'm not really going to touch on it except for the fact that I am excited about the outcome and I look forward to seeing Obama in office come January.

On that note, I am going to keep it short and sweet this week. Enjoy the weekend.

Long of the week: Amos Lee - Keep it Loose, Keep it Tight

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@ Pearl Street

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Skin Flick? Nah, It's a Love Story

A.O. SCOTT
NEW YORK TIMES

Defying a trend toward baffling abstraction in movie titles — "Synecdoche, New York"? "Quantum of Solace"? "The Secret Life of Bees"? — Kevin Smith has given his new opus a name that tells you exactly what it's about. Literal-mindedness has always been among Mr. Smith's calling cards. His first film, about

clerks, was called "Clerks." And so it will hardly be shocking that "Zack and Miri Make a Porno" is about two people, named Zack (Seth Rogen) and Miri (Elizabeth Banks), who make what my copy editors would prefer that I call a pornographic movie.

And really, in spite of an avalanche of verbal filth (and a smaller quantum of the visual variety), "Zack and Miri" is not very shocking at all. Mr. Smith has been tinkering with the dirty-mind/soft-heart combination for quite some time, forming a link of sorts between the humanist sexual anarchy of John Waters and the smutty Victorianism of Judd Apatow. He and his characters revel in dialogue that riffs on body parts and bodily fluids, but Mr. Smith's stories are bathed — metaphorically! — in synup and schmalz.

So "Zack and Miri Make a Porno," in spite of its sometimes tiresome, sometimes amusing lewdness, follows a gee-whiz romantic-comedy formula that would not be out of place on the Disney Channel. Two best friends who have always been in love with each other discover that ... they have

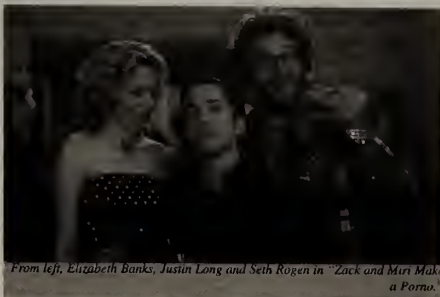
always been in love with each other. Granted, this revelation occurs while they are having sex in front of a camera, but it is so sweet and predictable that these potentially tawdry circumstances hardly matter.

Mr. Smith tries, with mixed results, both to rub our faces in the tawdriness and to erase it altogether. The movie wants to insist that pornography is a jolly, innocuous pursuit, but also to take refuge in a sincere, romantic traditionalism that is antithetical to the cynical, often

bigger roles or a sitcom of his own right away. When Zack and Miri hatch their plan to climb out of debt by making a skin flick, Delaney becomes their producer.

A cast and crew materializes, including the real-life former porn star Traci Lords and the Kevin Smith stalwarts Jason Mewes and Jeff Anderson, who signs on as director of photography.

The best moments come early, before "Zack and Miri Make a Porno" decides to wear its heart on its sleeve and keep everything else in its pants. Justin Long and Brandon Routh — Superman! — do some droll camping at the reunion, and Mr.



From left, Elizabeth Banks, Justin Long and Seth Rogen in "Zack and Miri Make a Porno."

playful sexual ethos of pornography. Mr. Smith is intent on making a love story, which is almost by definition the opposite of the kind of movie Zack and Miri set out to produce.

They are roommates, living in a run-down Pittsburgh apartment and in that treacherous stretch between the end of adolescence and the onset of maturity. Approaching their 10th high school reunion, Zack and Miri are broke, miserable and alienated. This has always been Mr. Smith's comfort zone. He is a poet of failure, and Mr. Rogen is unmatched at playing reasonably nice, reasonably smart guys with minimal ambitions that they may nonetheless fail to realize.

Zack works in a Starbucks-like coffee shop alongside Delaney, a harried husband played by Craig Robinson ("The Office," a show-stopping monologue in "Knocked Up"), who is fast becoming the most dependable comic counterpuncher in the business and who needs some

Mewes uses his deadpan immunity to embarrassment to good effect.

Like Rosario Dawson in "Clerks 2," Ms. Banks (who plays Laura Bush in Oliver Stone's "W.") is forced to be funny on a pedestal. She has to be the nice girl with the naughty mouth, just uninhibited enough to play along with Zack's schemes but not so daring as to tarnish his idealized image of her.

The gauzy sweetness that envelops the end of the movie is not unwelcome, but not very convincing either. The "porno" remains unfinished, and so does "Zack and Miri," having — like most pornography, interestingly enough — thrown away an imaginative premise to get down to predictable, mechanical business. It's as if Mr. Smith were a plumber who knocked at your door and then, against all reasonable expectations, insisted on fixing the sink.

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CRAIG NARDINI
SPORTS REPORTER

One month is in the books for the 2008-2009 Boston Bruins and one man has stood tall and single-handedly given the team a chance to win night-in and night-out. That man is now securely the number one net minder and owner of the NHL's second star of the week from Oct. 27th to Nov. 1st.

Tim Thomas has been nothing short of spectacular in his eight games played this season, registering back to back shutouts and an astounding 1.83 goals against average. He compiled consecutive 1-0 wins over Edmonton and Vancouver saving 58 of 58 shots between the two games, many of which were of the spectacular variety.

It is the first time since Byron Dafoe in 1999 that a Bruin goaltender has had consecutive shutouts, and the first time since 1936 to complete back to back 1-0 wins. Thomas carries a respectable 4-2 record with both losses coming in the shootout, meaning Thomas has yet to lose in regulation.

Coming into the season, Thomas was expected to be the

starting goalie, but was going to be challenged by backup Manny Fernandez. Fernandez was once an elite NHL goalie with the Minnesota Wild who was traded to the Bruins last season in exchange for prospect Peter Kalus.

Injuries plagued Fernandez resulting in season-ending knee surgery just eight games into last year. He boasts a 2-1 record with a 2.96 GAA but has looked uncomfortable at times fighting off easy shots and rust from the extended time off.

What began as an every-other-game scenario has become a solidified position for Thomas. He has started the past four games going 3-1 and allowing only four goals in that span. Many thought that after his all-star caliber season last year that he would be uncontested coming into the season. However, Thomas has never had it easy and has never come into training camp as the sure fire number one.

A standout goalie at the University of Vermont, Thomas has played in a variety of locations and organizations. He played juniors out of college and made his NHL debut in 2001 with Boston. He played only four games and was sent back to the minors.

In 2004 Thomas left

North American hockey to play in a Finnish league in Europe only to return a year later to Providence, the Bruins' minor-league affiliate. Coming in as the third string goalie behind youngsters Andrew Raycroft and Hannu Toivonen, Thomas got his first real shot at being a professional when both went down due to injuries. He finished off the 2005-2006 campaign with a 12-13-7 record.

The next year Raycroft was shipped to the Toronto Maple Leafs leaving Thomas as the backup to Toivonen. Toivonen struggled mightily, prompting Thomas to be the number one man; he finished the season with 30 wins and won the Seventh-Player Award. This is awarded to the player who best exceeds expectations within the Bruins organization as voted on by the fans.

The Bruins then traded for Fernandez in the off-season resulting in the goalie controversy that is happening currently. At 34 years old, Thomas is considered a journeyman in every sense of the word. His play this year has helped the Bruins and their struggling offense to a respectable 6-3-3 record through the first month. That is good enough for fifth in the conference and third in the North East division.



Goalie Tim Thomas has been key to the Bruins' early season success.

A trade is foreseeable in the future for Fernandez because he is too established of a player to sit on the bench. He is being paid 4.5 million this year, which is high in the new salary-strapped NHL. Thomas is a bargain at a million a season and is very close to elite status amongst NHL goalies; however, he is number one for most bang for his buck at his current salary.

Thomas is now in a contract year and it is unclear if Boston will try to resign him. Tukka Rask, the promising prospect in Providence, could

make an appearance as the starter for next year because he is only 21 years old with tremendous upside. Thomas is 34 and is in the latter part of his career.

If the Bruins make the playoffs for the second consecutive year, lock no further than Tim Thomas as the biggest reason why. Thomas brings his top performance night-in and night-out and if he can play the way he has in the early part of the year the rest of the season, the Bruins will be primed to make a deep run into the postseason.

Westfield Comeback Falls Short

Dramatic Finish Gives UMass Dartmouth 3-2 Victory

NORTH DARTMOUTH, MA - In dramatic fashion, senior Rebecca Stephens guaranteed that Tuesday night would not be her last as a UMass Dartmouth Corsair.

The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth's field hockey team survived an incredible scare and provided an exhilarating finish, defeating Westfield State 3-2 in a Little East Conference first-round playoff match at Cressy Field Tuesday evening. All five of the game's goals were scored in the second half.

With only 12 seconds remaining in regulation time, Stephens saved the day and perhaps the season for the Corsairs, scoring the game winning goal off a pass from Stephanie Kinchla. The goal came a mere 49 seconds after Westfield State's Kasey Bascetta had tied the game at two apiece.

The Corsair bench counted down the final three seconds aloud, signifying their excitement and relief simultaneously at the end of a memorable contest.

After the game, UMass Dartmouth Head Coach Nicole Castonguay praised the clutch effort from Stephens. "That girl is a fighter," Castonguay said. "She's a great player. Everyone knows her as the optimist. She's the perfect player to have out there when you need a goal in the final minute."

Prior to the deciding

first goal, handling a partially deflected crossing pass and scored from the left of the net at 41:54. The Corsairs increased their lead to 2-0 on an unassisted goal scored off a penalty corner by junior midfielder Kylie Treat at the 44:18 mark.

After the two goals, the Corsairs appeared on their way to a comfortable victory, spending most of the next fifteen minutes on the attack. But the Owls came storming back, getting on the board with a Jessi Gould goal assisted by Kara Guitarr at 59:52. The aforementioned Bascetta goal came just over nine minutes later.

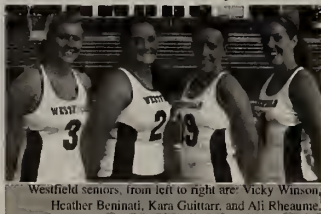
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Dartmouth improved to 16-5 with the victory, while Westfield State fell to 11-7 with the defeat. The Corsairs will visit Plymouth State Thursday afternoon in an LEC semi-final match, while the match completed the season for Westfield State, although they hope to receive a bid to the ECAC tournament.

goal, the Owls appeared to have completed a stunning comeback, erasing a late 2-0 deficit by scoring two goals with 10:08 and 1:01 remaining, respectively.

"We knew it would be a tough game; this is a matchup I thought would make a good final," Castonguay said. "Nothing is safe when it's 2-0 in a playoff game, even in the last five minutes."

Stephens also connected with Kinchla on the game's



Westfield seniors, from left to right are: Vicky Winslow, Heather Beninati, Kara Guitarr, and Ali Rheame.

Westfield State Shares MASCAC Title

Owls Earn No. 1 Seed With 7-0 Win Over

WESTFIELD - The Westfield State College women's soccer team clinched a share of the Mass. State Conference (MASCAC) regular season championship by coasting to a 7-0 victory over MCLA on Saturday, Nov. 1.

The Owls improved to 13-4 overall with their 12th victory in the last 13 games. MCLA finishes its season with a 12-6 overall record and a 2-5 MASCAC mark.

Westfield and Bridgewater State tied for first place with 6-1 records. But the Owls earned the No. 1 seed in the

conference's postseason tournament by winning at Bridgewater, 3-2, in overtime during the regular season. Westfield will host a MASCAC tournament semifinal game on Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Seven players scored for the Owls, who led 3-0 at half-time. Junior Jessie Tomich scored 2:40 into the game. Jenn Leveille, the Owls' only senior, scored in the 22nd minute.

Alicia Chandler, who scored the third goal, also had an assist in Westfield's balanced attack.

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FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

It's been a big week, not only in the world of sports, but in the world itself, with Barack Obama being elected President of the United States and those friggin' Tennessee Titans pretending they're a good football team with Kerry "The Fossil" Collins as quarterback. All this is good news for you, dear reader, because I've got an entire page of print to jabber on this week (sadistically laughs to himself) and hopefully, you'll stay on for the ride.

After watching and listening to nothing but politics and speeches for the past four months, the Presidential election is finally over and Barack Obama is the new President-Elect of the United States, and with all his speeches and people to thanks and pay tribute to, I have noticed that one name is conspicuously absent; Mike Ditka.

Okay, just hear me out on

this. I promise it'll make sense.

The renowned Chicago Bears coach and the winner of the 1986 Super Bowl, had originally planned on running for a senate seat in Illinois in 2004. Ditka was chosen by the Republican Party to replace former Senator Jack Ryan, who had dropped out of the race due to certain revelations in documents from his divorce. Ditka was the party's number one choice to replace him in the race, but after considering taking the opportunity, he declined saying the offer was "five or six years too late" for him.

The Democrats that year, of course, countered the Republicans with a somewhat unheralded young politician named Barack Obama, who ran his wave of good fortune all the way to the White House on Tuesday.

Think about it. If Mike Ditka had run for the Senate in

Illinois in 2004, it's hard to conceive any way that Obama would have won the vote. Ditka is a legend, especially in those parts, for his no-nonsense attitude, short temper and success when it comes to getting things done. If Mike Ditka had run for Senate in Illinois in 2004, Barack Obama would still be at least four years from the White House. So, Mr. President, if somehow you get ahead of this article, please throw Mike Ditka a bone, just like he did for you.

Ok, now that I, like every-one else have said my piece about politics, it's time for some sports. At the midway point in the NFL season, there's still one undefeated left, and that's Jeff Fisher's group of posers in Tennessee. The Bills have kind of cooled off as everyone except Dick Jauron, Trent Edwards and Prof. Fleron (sorry, sir) expedited, and without Tom Brady, the Patriots look human. The

Chargers kind of suck this year, even with Philip Rivers, who is basically Ryan Leaf if Ryan Leaf had talent. And, apparently, the Manning brothers went Jamie Lee Curtis and Lindsay Lohan in "Freaky Friday" on everyone and switched bodies, because the Giants are 7-1 and the Colts are 4-5. Go Figure. At this stage in the game, I think I'm going to predict an all-New York Super Bowl because I love the Giants and they're probably the best team in the League right now and I want desperately for Brett Favre to get back to the big game. There is no other reason for my picks other than that. It would be nice to see the Dolphins make it to the big game and lose, just because the Rays went from worst to first then lost and it was heartbreaking. I love that kind of stuff because I'm an ass. Anyway...

Nascar fans can't be having a very good week with the

defeat of John McCain and his hottie VP candidate Sarah Palin, and on top of that, California-boy Jimmie Johnson has all but wrapped up his third straight Sprint Cup title. And I can hear crickets so I think that that's about all I can write about NASCAR before Colby Henderson edits it all out and puts a review of a Backstreet Boys (Backstreet's back, alright!) concert or something in there because, well, he's into that stuff.

Well that's about it. I'm actually exhausted from watching the Natalie Gulbis Show on the Golf Channel at 2:30 am last night while everyone else was crying tears of joy whilst partying like a Barack-star after he won the election. I think I'm going to go home, watch "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" and drink some tea and Dr. McGillicutty's and fall the hell to sleep.

Westfield Hosts Worcester in Final Home Game

Mickey Curtis
Special Contributor

The Westfield State College football team hosts Worcester State College on Saturday, Nov. 8. In its final game of the 2008 season, Kickoff is 12:00.

SENIOR SALUTE: Thirteen Westfield seniors will be playing in their final home game: Matt Burdzak, Sam Chery, Dan Cohen, Alan Cummings, Steve Daneault, Jay Fielding, Joe Hobin, Erik Iralasky, Doug Landry, P.J. Malone, Akin McCall, Shane Parrott, and Brett Ralph.

THE RECORDS: Westfield State is 5-4 overall and 3-3 in the Bogan Division of the NEFC following last week's 37-30 victory at Fitchburg State. Worcester State is only 2-7 overall and 2-4 in the division, but the Lancers did hand Maine Maritime its only division loss, 32-31. Worcester State also lost to Curry, 28-21, in overtime. Maine Maritime can advance to the NEFC championship game with a victory over Fitchburg State this Saturday.

THE SERIES: Westfield State leads the competitive all-time series, 12-10. The Owls pulled out a 7-0 victory during a rain-drenched game in Worcester last year.

NCAA DIVISION III NATIONAL HONORS: Westfield State junior receiver David Benoit of Ludlow is

ranked 20th nationally in receiving yards (107.11) and 25th in receptions (6.89) per game. Owl defensive back Nick Leverone is ranked seventh in interceptions (six in eight games played) and punter Chris Stengel is 33rd in punting (39.0 average). Linebacker Jay Fielding is ranked 40th in tackles per game (10.3). The Owls are ranked 27th in pass defense and 11th in net punting (35.76). They are also

BREAKERS: Senior quarterback Dan Cohen has established new school career records for pass completions (400) and passing yards (5,034). In 26 career games, the three-year starter also has 41 touchdown passes and 28 interceptions. He has an opportunity to set new season school records in his final collegiate game, including completion percentage, completions, passing yards, and touchdown passes.

1,547 yards and 11 touchdowns. His favorite targets are: David Salvi (25 catches, 503 yards, 5 touchdowns), Jason Patterson (20-315), and Joe Dicalogor (18-211). Running back Will Earley has rushed for 849 yards on 181 carries (94.3 average); he also has 15 pass receptions for 73 yards. The Lancers have executed in the red zone (23 of 29) attempts and have a standout kicker in Patrick Skelton, who

has converted all 26 PATs and 3 of 6 field goal attempts. Linebacker Tyler Russell is the leading tackler with 82 stops in nine games. End Greg Benoit ranks second with 47 tackles. Steve Melville, a junior line-man, has 46 tackles, including a staggering 17.5 for losses.

SCOUTING THE OWLS: The Owls rank third in the

carries. The Owls displayed balanced with 227 rushing and 218 passing yards vs. Fitchburg. The Owls have been efficient in the red zone (inside the 20-yard line) this season, scoring on 25 of 29 opportunities, which rank third in the NEFC. Senior quarterback Dan Cohen has completed 55 percent of his passes (144 of 262) for 1,795 yards and 20 touchdowns. His 20 TD passes rank second in the conference behind Fitchburg's Jim Miller's 21. Benoit has 61 catches for 964 yards and 14 touchdowns, all conference bests. Westfield's other top receivers are: C.J. Franklin (28-171), Brandon Holt (19-163), tight end Brett Ralph (12-97), and Joe McCarthy (10-131). Senior standout linebacker Jay Fielding has racked up 92 tackles in nine games. Talented freshman back Kyle Anderson and freshman linebacker Andrew Fodera are the second and third leading tacklers with 57 and 51, respectively. Junior Josh Mathieu (34 tackles, 4 interceptions, 7 pass breakups) and Leverone (40 tackles, 6 interceptions, 2 breakups) also stand out in the secondary. End Nick Gniadek leads the Owls on the defensive front with 33 tackles, while junior linebacker Matt Fall (26 tackles) leads the Owls with nine tackles for losses. Linebackers Matt Burdzak and Matt Denman have 48 and 46 tackles, respectively.



Fourteen Owl seniors who will play their final home game on Saturday

ranked 24th and lead the NEFC in turnover margin with a plus nine (25 takeaways, 16 turnovers). Worcester State is ranked 38th nationally in sacks per game (2.56) led by Steve Melville, who has 7.5 sacks and is tied for 10th in tackles for losses (2.0 per game).

THE RECORD

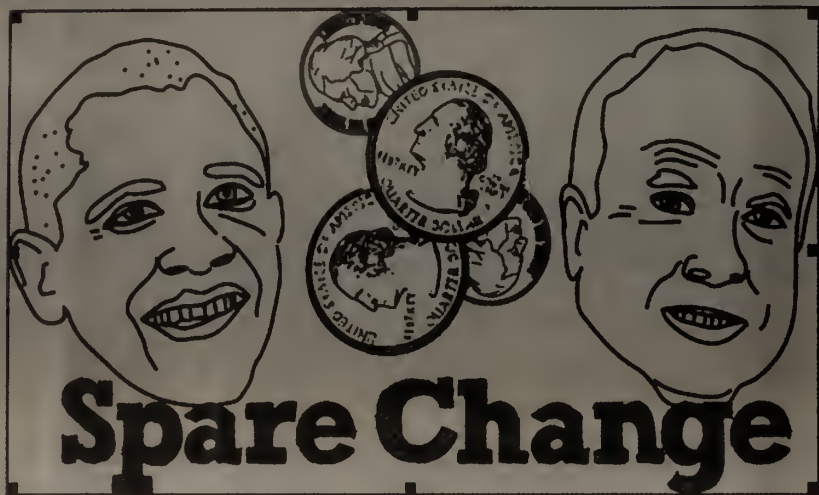
Junior receiver David Benoit has a school record 14 touchdown catches this season.

SCOUTING THE LANCERS: Worcester State ranks 11th in the 16-team NEFC in scoring average (23.0) and 10th in scoring defense (30.9). Quarterback Pat Good has completed 108 of 230 passes for

NEFC in scoring defense (21.1) and total defense (316.0). They are fourth in passing offense (205.0 yards per game) and first in pass efficiency (131.8 rating). They are last in the NEFC in rushing offense (93.9), but their run game got a big boost last week vs. Fitchburg, led by Jason Proule's 147 rushing yards on 22

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Capricorn**(December 21 - January 20)**

You would be wise to pay close attention to the vibes you're picking up, but I'd be slow to rush into taking action until you're totally positive you're acting upon truth and rock solid facts. Later in the week, the energy shifts as you slide into your high cycle of the month.

Aquarius**(January 21 - February 19)**

This week's chart energy is in natural harmony with your sign and makes this a time when your personality will shine brightly in the eyes of others. Not only that, but it sharpens the mind and causes way-cool ideas to come pouring in too.

Pisces**(February 20 - March 20)**

The attention of others will be riveted upon you this week. Everybody is waiting to follow your lead, but some will be waiting to turn on you should you appear to make a moral or ethical mistake. Look more to the future and be willing to listen to or consider new ideas or solutions.

Aries**(March 21 - April 20)**

You would be wise to consider that others are planning on challenging your role or position in the near future. For that reason, you need to make sure you're not ignoring important facts or data. The weekend is perfect to go out and be visible to others. It's a terrific time to expand social connections.

Taurus**(April 21 - May 21)**

You have the power and inner determination to get just about anything done this week. Now is the time to get things done. The more you do, the more energy you'll have. Care is needed not to fall prey to temptations that may appear.

Gemini**(May 22 - June 21)**

Your personal relationships are what matter most this week. This is the perfect energy to take things to the next level. Your chart is challenging you to build upon the common ground you share with others.

Cancer**(June 22 - July 22)**

Taking care of the minor problems now

will prevent them from becoming major obstacles later on. Pay very close attention to your personal health and fitness. This is the time to start any self improvement programs.

Leo**(July 23 - August 23)**

This week's energy brings out the best of your natural ebullience and charisma. While this energy favors all the pleasurable and playful activities, it is also the time when you need to take care of business and make sure your responsibilities and obligations are handled properly first. Later in the week is a great time to get some much needed rest and relaxation.

Virgo**(August 24 - September 23)**

This energy adds the responsibility to look ahead to ensure both future prosperity and abundance. Not only for you, but also for those that rely upon you. This is the kind of energy that can elevate you to higher positions of wealth, power and authority.

Libra**(September 24 - October 23)**

This week's transits bring out the best of your social talents and abilities to bring out the best of your sense of humor, causing others to want to be close and around you. Be very careful what you say, others can take things the wrong way or try to use your words against you.

Scorpio**(October 24 - November 22)**

This week's chart energy favors any financial or material transactions, making this a terrific time for any form of buying or selling. Chart energy like this indicates there will be many new financial or career opportunities waiting to be discovered. An increase in personal wealth is very likely to occur at this time.

Sagittarius**(November 21 - December 23)**

You'll be in your high cycle of the month this week. You need to trust your gut instincts, even if everybody else on the planet would disagree with you. Later in the week, the energy shifts and starts to illuminate the financial areas of your chart. Good Times!

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Daily Sudoku: Wed 5-Nov-2008

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Here's an example of how to work it:

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Student of the Week



Stats: Andrew "Ducko" Conlin, 21-year-old senior from Milton, Mass.

Major: Business Management

What is your favorite article of clothing?

My fitted hats and black kicks.

If you could have any super-power, what would it be?

Invisibility. I'd drive around so people would be like "wow, that cars whippin' itself around."

If you won the lottery what are the first three things you would buy?

A lifetime supply of McDonalds breakfast, lifetime supply of Dutchmasters and a party boat to bring me and my friends out.

What's your favorite meal?

Buffalo chicken.

If you could sleep with one famous person, who would it be?

Any female reading this. Just kidding. Rachel McAdams.

What do you want to be when you grow up?
Stay-at-home father. Aka mommy-daddy.

If you want to be the Westfield State College Student of the Week, or want to submit a friend as Student of the Week, email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

Post-Election panel speaks to Westfield State



From left to right: Emily Rooney, Rick Kaplan, Terry McAuliffe, Bill Marimow, Doris Kearns Goodwin
Photo spread on pages six and seven.
photo by Hugh Mailly

JEFF DALE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

WESTFIELD- There are few times when many intelligent minds get together. This past Monday, November 10th, at the Woodward Center was one of those times.

The featured speaker was Doris Kearns Goodwin, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, presidential historian, and NBC news analyst. She is known as both an expert on the White House and the first woman journalist to enter the Red Sox locker room.

A panel to react to Goodwin and review the election included Rick Kaplan, producer of the CBS Evening News, winner of 47 Emmy awards and former president of CNN and MSNBC; Bill Marimow, Pulitzer Prize-winning editor of The Philadelphia Inquirer and former vice president of National Public Radio;

Terry McAuliffe, former chair of the Democratic National Committee and national chair for Hillary Clinton for President; and Emily Rooney, host and executive editor of Greater Boston, WGBH's local issues and public affairs program. (wsc.ma.edu)

Westfield State College President, Dr. Evan Dobelle, started the evening off by addressing a historic event.

"Last Tuesday America elected Barack Obama, President of the United States," said Dobelle as a wave of applause came over the audience of nearly 1000.

"The first African-American to be President of the United States. What an election! What a campaign!"

Dobelle went on to say "Westfield had the distinct pleasure of exploring how we got there."

With distinct young minds listening and watching, Dobelle introduced Doris

Kearns Goodwin, whose expertise range from the Lincoln Presidency to when she was an intern for the Johnson Administration.

Goodwin also started the night off by addressing the election.

"Many, many months ago, when Evan Dobelle asked me to come tonight and speak about leadership lessons from Abraham Lincoln, I never could have imagined how fitting it would be, given the election of Barack Obama, who in some ways brings to an end what Abraham Lincoln began with the Emancipation Proclamation," Goodwin said.

One of the more memorable quotes from Goodwin was when she spoke about her former boss Lyndon Johnson.

"Perhaps, my old friend, Lyndon Johnson put it in less noble fashion than Lincoln did. Better he would say 'to have an enemy inside the tent piss out than outside your tent

pissing in.'" Goodwin said, quoting Johnson.

After Goodwin spoke President Dobelle asked each of the panelists questions about the country. He first asked Bill Marimow about the biggest challenge facing President-Elect Obama.

"I think its President-Elect Obama's first mandate to address the [economy] squarely and be the kind of leader that Abraham Lincoln was and Franklin Delano Roosevelt was in 1932," Marimow said.

President Dobelle then directed a question toward Doris Kearns Goodwin about Senator Hilary Clinton.

"I think [President-Elect Obama] would certainly be willing to give her whatever she would like to be a participant in his government.

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Winter Blues in Westfield

KRISTIN SHERWOOD
VOICE REPORTER

Are you feeling those winter blues settling in? Do you get up in the morning only to feel sluggish and lethargic? Does the winter just seem to be depressing you or getting you down? You may be struggling with the daylight changes and the cold, dreary weather. To help keep your body motivated throughout the day, get up and go for a walk, go to the gym, or do some sports with your friends. This is a good way to keep you from sleeping the day away or lying in bed for hours. Although the winter is depressing, lying around in bed is not the greatest way to make those blues go away.

While many of us experience symptoms of depression and lethargy with the onset of winter, some people suffer from severe symptoms and are diagnosed with a more serious case of the winter blues called Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). Seasonal Affective Disorder is a depression that comes during the transition from fall to winter and can affect a person throughout the winter. Some of the symptoms include: an afternoon slump with low levels of energy and concentration, carbohydrate craving, lack of energy, social withdrawal, and excessive daytime sleepiness. Of course, this is college, so those afternoon naps are not necessarily a bad idea if you've stayed up too late; however, if you are feeling very tired throughout most of the day and are having more severe symptoms of depression, you might want to learn more about SAD or maybe even get some help.

SAD was recognized fairly recently by Dr. Norman Rosenthal who was the Director of Seasonal Studies at the National Institute of Mental Health. Although about 17% of people living in the upper latitudes experience some form of recurring win-



ter blues, only about 8% are fully diagnosed with SAD. It can be treated by using light therapy to replace the full spectrum sunlight an individual is deprived of by going outside for more than 30 minutes a day or by using an artificial full-spectrum light. Other treatments include medication in severe cases, better nutrition, exercise, and counseling.

If you are experiencing the symptoms of SAD or just feeling those winter blues, the counseling center is available for you or someone you know to get the help needed. It is located in the Lammers Hall Annex and is open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They offer free and confidential counseling in regards to Seasonal Affective Disorder, depression, family problems, loneliness, anxiety and a number of different issues. One of the counselors there, JoAnn Churchill, encouraged students to "come to the counseling center if they have depression, any emotional problem, or just a bad day." Oftentimes, there exists that stigma of going to counseling but if you want somewhere to vent your problems, talk about the winter blues, or release some of that stress, then you might want to look into coming to the counseling center. If you want to seek more information about SAD or about counseling, you can access the counseling center's website at wsc.ma.edu/counseling.

Noah Griffin to perform at WSC

Noah Griffin, a singer whose career spans the jazz age, 50s pop and rock 'n' roll, will perform at Westfield State College at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, in Dever Auditorium. In addition to his singing career, Griffin speaks on African-American history. The event is part of the Westfield State College Foundation Speaker Series which is free and open to the public.

Also on Monday, Griffin is scheduled to read and discuss The Gettysburg Address at a reception and open forum from 6 to 7 p.m. He will also lead master classes for students.

Beginning with the San Francisco Chorus at the age of 7, Griffin has shared the stage with Paul Robeson, Leontyne Price and Nat Cole. As his solo career advanced, he sang with Duke Ellington, and has appeared in New York, Boston, London, Rome and Paris. Most recently he starred in A Tribute to Nat Cole.

While attending



Noah Griffin to perform Nov. 17 at Dever.

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Harvard University Law School, Griffin continued his singing career at venues around Boston. He also has been a talk show host, a television personality and syndicated columnist.

A Giants fan, Griffin

wrote the team's opening day song with collaborator Bob Voss when the Giants played at Pac Bell Park. The two also collaborated on the official Ballad of the Gold Gate Bridge, scheduled for re-release for the bridge's 70th anniversary.

POST-ELECTION PANEL
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I think the question Hilary has to answer for her self is where she can make the best contribution." Goodwin said.

Producer of the CBS Evening News Rick Kaplan then address a question about the Katie Couric interview of Sarah Palin.

"We weren't so interested in having Katie showing Sarah Palin what she new. We wanted to know what [Palin] new. So all our questions, all of them, were basic information questions. We didn't challenge her on her beliefs. We asked her about Roe v. Wade and listened to her answer. The questions that seemed to get her in trouble were not the questions that generally get you in trou-

ble. Like, 'what newspapers and magazines do you read as you try to prepare for the next debate?'" Kaplan said.

"I probably shouldn't say this out loud. A number of people came up to Katie after it was done and said 'Thank you so much for saving Western civilization.' And she responded saying 'You know I had a free morning.'" Kaplan said.

Former chair of the Democratic National Committee and national chair for Hillary Clinton for President Terry McAuliffe said that after the Stock Market fell it was going to be a walk away victory for the Democratic Party. He said that along with the economy, the selection of Sarah Palin directly led to a victory for Obama.

"The exact opposite occurred. Everybody who said they weren't going to vote

[because Clinton didn't win] immediately ran over and voted for Barack Obama," McAuliffe said.

One question about this election was whether the news media affected the outcome. Emily Rooney quickly answered this.

"Did news media give each candidate a far shot across the board? No. But did the media elect the next President of the United States? No. There were so many outlets and so many places to go. This idea that the mainstream media or one news outlet carried the day for one candidate or another is utter nonsense," Rooney said.

On November 17th, Noah Griffin will appear at the Woodward Center, and on December 10th, Dr. Ruth Westheimer will appear.

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Botanical photographer featured at WSC Downtown Art Gallery

The work of photographer Marla Leigh Caplan will be shown in the exhibit *A Long Slow Look* in the Westfield State College Downtown Art Gallery in the Rinnova Building at 105 Elm Street in Westfield.

The exhibit will run Nov. 12 through Dec. 12 and can be viewed by the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. A gallery talk by the artist is scheduled for 3 p.m., Nov. 21 and an artist's reception will follow from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

The photographs include still lifes in the style of vanitas, a fine art genre that was common in the 16th and 17th centuries in Flanders and the Netherlands. Vanitas is the Latin word for "emptiness" and the still lifes symbolize the brevity of human life and the transient nature of earthly pleasures and achievements.

"With this work, I am engaged in examination of the relationship between nature and artifice and an investigation into the constructs of beauty," Caplan said. "I am interested in the ability of these images to satisfy a certain level of photographic fetish - granting permission to look - closely, unnoticed, and at length."

"It is cutting edge photography, but done from an artistic standpoint to be viewed as fine art," said Faith Lund, the show's curator. "It goes beyond decoration."

Landscape photographs also are featured in the show, as well as a 9-by-12-foot installation, *Garden Tapestry*. Caplan described the installation as an exaggeration of the formal iconography of the 16th century Unicorn tapestry.

"I set out to overwhelm the viewer with a manic design," Caplan said. "I am interested in the oscillation between a lack and excess of meaning generated by repetitive patterns."

Caplan, based in New York City, completed her master of fine arts in advanced photographic studies at Bard College's International Center of Photography in New York. She also earned a certificate in photography from the San Francisco Art Institute.

"We encourage the community to become a part of our art effort and to enjoy the artist and the show," said Lund.

For more information about college events, visit www.wsc.ma.edu.

Year of the Tornado

CORY ANDROS
VOICE REPORTER

As you all probably know by now (or not, who knows how much the average college student pays attention to the news), this past year was a record-setter for number of tornadoes and tornado-related deaths. And I know what all you environmentalists out there are thinking: "Ha! A direct result of climate change I bet!"

Well, let's just pump the brakes a little. According to most weather and climate researchers there is not enough direct evidence to support that claim. Not yet anyway. The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) says that, yes, 2008 had one of the deadliest tornado seasons the U.S. has ever seen. They also agree that the amount of tornado activity was absolutely crazy compared to past years (okay, they may not have worded it just like that, but you get the point). This year was historic for tornadoes.

While the NOAA has

been searching for plausible causes for the spike in tornado activity, they have found nothing but dead-end trails and dust in the wind.

They have looked for connections to El Niño/La Niña and found that their data doesn't support any strong significance for increase in tornado frequency or strength. Also, they discovered further inconclusive data in regard to climate change. So as of now, they really have no explanation for the rampant tornado activity.

So, officially, the tornadoes haven't been linked to climate change. But I think it would be ignorant to totally disregard the possibility of a connection between the two. The experts say that more research needs to be done, so we'll wait for more. However, just like the increase in the number and intensity of hurricanes we had back in 2005 and 2006 (which brought devastation to New Orleans via Katrina), we could be seeing the first signs of major impacts as a result of climate change. So pay attention to next year's tornado activity.

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The Angry Liberal

MOLLY COYLE
MANAGING EDITOR



Well folks, the election is over and I still haven't quite figured out what to do with myself. Oh sure Barack Obama is still being plastered all over the 24-hour news networks and Sarah Palin hasn't quite managed to fade away either, so really, has that much changed? Yes it has.

Sarah Palin has finally been unleashed. You would think that she would go back to her hole seeing as how she made a fool of herself during this election, but no. She has done over eight interviews since November 4th and she doesn't seem to be stopping anytime soon. Other than the interviews her face has been all over the news for other reasons as well; suddenly McCain campaign insiders have revealed information that they kept secret until now: rumors that she didn't know that Africa was a continent, that she didn't know the countries that made up North America, and that she threw tantrums when reading her portrayals by the media. Palin has had more interviews since this news has surfaced to deny these rumors but does anyone really believe her? I wish she would just go back to her igloo and lay

low. Maybe she should take advantage of these four years to do some hardcore research before the 2012 election since there seems to be some sort of push for her to run then. Terrible idea.

As for Barack Obama's coverage in the news, it has been a bit disheartening for me. I understand that this election has been historic and I would never be so stupid as to try to downplay the importance of this event but the 24-hour news networks have turned this into another form of racism in my opinion. I've noticed that whenever the networks need verification that this event is historic they always ask an African-American. They are harping on it so much that it seems to detract from Obama's credibility as a person, not just a black man.

We didn't vote for him because he was black, we voted for him because we thought he was more qualified and we liked his message, so why simplify him into one characteristic: the color of his skin. This event was historic because his skin color didn't prohibit him from winning this election and he never made the fact that he's black the focus

of his campaign so why does his skin color have to be such a major part in all the reporting by the media. All I can think of is that they just don't know how to go about reporting about him and still be politically correct. This can be seen in the way they handled the comment made by the Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi about Obama being "young, handsome, and sun-tanned." Berlusconi told the media that he was joking but the media made such a big deal about it that he actually issued an apology. Obama was not offended by these comments but the media, in its need to be completely politically correct, made a huge deal about it. I just sincerely hope that the media can figure out how to report events that take place during Obama's term without tripping over themselves in attempts to be absolutely politically correct.

I hope that no one takes offense to these thoughts. I'm not trying to lessen the historical significance of this occasion but the way I see it, Obama is a great man among men and the fact that he's black shouldn't be the main focus of his presidency.



Just Sex with Lauren Mattos

If you're in a long-term relationship or have experienced one in the past, you know that there is a point where sweatpants, bed-head, unshaved legs and morning halitosis is nothing to bury your face in shame for anymore. You may think you are always going to look top-notch for your special guy or gal, but eventually that familiar comfort sets in. Now I will be the first to admit that sometimes there is nothing better than curling up on the couch with your love and just being plain old lazy slobs. However, when does comfort become boredom? What makes that great comfort transform into a relationship "rut?"

Everyone has his or her own definition of a relationship

"rut." What can you do to shake it off? I asked around on the bulletins and as usual I got great answers from all of you. Instead of going on a long-winded rant, I decided that I am going to just list the suggestions and experiences I got from all of you because hell, I love you guys.

- A weekend get away, no phones, no internet, no contact with the outside world... just the two of you... works every time... brings you back to the basics of why you're together in the first place.

-Lisa

- Reminiscing works wonders, thinking of all the fun things you once did is always a good time and that usually leads

to something new or redoing something special.

-Alexander

- Reminiscing, definitely. Trying out a new position, buying some lingerie...

-Meaghan

- One of my favorite short term pick-me-ups is the hidden post-it note with a romantic thought on it, placed in her drawers or textbooks when she's out of the room for a second. Of course, a passionate kiss a la Clark Gable (pushed against a wall and face pulled in) is never declined.

-Erik

As you can see, relationship boosters don't have to be sexual, they can just be so darn cute. If you feel like your relationship is

heading for a rut, try any suggestions from the lovely readers above, or something that you think is particularly special. If you do find your relationship in a rut for quite some time and you have put a lot of effort into these pick-me-ups, you more than likely have a deeper problem than just boredom. Meaghan also suggested that if something like this is happening to "spend a couple days away from one another. Taking a step out to reevaluate, even mentally, always brings me right back home." I could not agree more. Communication is key, people, so open up to your partner. If you have done everything in your power, then prepare yourself for the possibility that it may not be rut, but something deeper that requires some soul-search-

ing for you and your mate. If this is the case, do not kid your self and confront the issue.

So there you have it, any simple thing from a Clark Gable kiss, sexy lingerie, or for others a simple shaving of the legs can do the trick. Thanks to everyone who responded and shared their great ideas for relationship boosters, it is very much appreciated. Remember to join the Facebook group JUST SEX @ THE VOICE so you can share your opinions! I would love to hear them!

Send feedback to
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EDITOR'S DESK



The two weeks of November that fall between the election and Thanksgiving are pretty bland. I'm sick of talking about Obama and I have to save my holiday material for later on in the year.

Besides saying that I hope everybody had a good Veterans' Day and bragging that I got tickets to see the Presidential Inauguration in January, there's not much else to talk about.

That's why this week I've decided to put some riddles in the paper. My friend (and Voice movie critic) Matt Gosciminski and I have a weekly riddle solving contest (in which I am continually pwned). Here are some extra hard riddles that will hopefully stump him and entertain the Westfield masses.

1. What gets wetter and wetter the more it dries?
2. How did Mark legally marry three women in Michigan, without divorcing any of them, becoming legally separated, or any of them dying?
3. The one who makes it sells it.
The one who buys it doesn't use it.
The one who's using it doesn't know he's using it. What is it?

(Answers coming next week!)

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EDITOR'S DESK



SEAN KLA
SPECIAL TO THE VOICE

With the election and all the festivities around campus I have not been able to write about sports in a while. So I will take this weeks Editor's Desk to speak about two teams. The Pats and Celts.

First and foremost, I went to last night's game. I am writing this currently on Wednesday night so it's not like I can write about what occurred. I can tell you I went to the game with my Co-Editor Colby Henderson and that jack-ass we call Matt Castonguay. I'm excited about tailgating, eating outback steaks and watching Brett Favre get the snot kicked out of him. I am not excited about having Matt sit next to me with his Favre jersey and his sign he plans on bringing. I just hope he stays semi-sober and doesn't run on the field trying to injure Tom Brady's good knee. While I'm on the subject of Castonguay, how dare you make fun of my swing? It's like a combination of Ted Williams and Charles Barkley. For a few seconds its beautiful and then it just all falls apart.

As for the Celtics, I can talk about a game that was played while I wrote this and that was Wednesday's night game. The Celtics defeated their rival from last year's playoffs, the Atlanta Hawks, 103-102 when Paul Pierce hit the game winning shot with 0.5 ticks on the clock. What a game! The Celtics are quickly becoming the talk of the town with the Pats season in question.... and I couldn't love it more.

Until next week.... peace everybody....

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What "Change" might mean for America

While I understand there are large numbers of people who want "change," I don't believe that the Americans who support Barack Obama's candidacy for President understand what this "change" will imply. Over the last few days, it has come to light in the Media, between "Joe the Plumber" and statements that Senator Obama has made earlier, that he believes in "Spreading the Wealth." Now, part of me can understand why this would be appealing to a great many people who, like many students at this college, come from lower middle-class families. However I fervently believe that this entire concept is based on a dangerously false premise. The idea that for true equality to exist, everyone has to be economically & socially equal and not just equality under the law.

I believe that you have equality, when all people, men and women, regardless of race, creed, national origin, or religion, have equality under the law. That we all have the opportunity to succeed based on our talent, ability and personal ambition.

However, under the ideas and plans being proposed by Senator Obama, we will be crossing a very dangerous line. I believe that he is advancing an agenda that will undermine not only our economy, but the very freedoms that we as Americans hold dear. Here is why.

Our system of Government was set up under the Constitution, adopted by the states in 1787-88, that believed in the idea of Limited Government. The founders of the nation, as well as the people themselves, were greatly suspicious of a strong central government. Traditionally the more powerful government entities have been our local and state governments, since they are closer to the people, and are there for more accountable to them. Over the last 200 plus years, this concept has slowly been eroded away through Constitutional Amendments, Government Regulations, and the people themselves being less and less vigilant.

One of Senator Obama's claims is that the Bush tax cuts have hurt this economy, and the government's ability to provide for those who are not as successful. Senator Obama has ignored in his statement one glaring truth: since the Bush tax cuts went into effect, the revenue collected by the federal treasury has increased. This past April, the government collected its greatest amount of taxes in its history.

What bothers me even

more about what Senator Obama is saying is that he believes that the government is the source of our salvation from our troubles. That through the power of the government, they will be able to correct everything that is wrong, or perceptively of wrong, in this nation; that through a magical wave of the wand of Governmental Regulation, it will be able to provide for our every want and need.

I can not subscribe to this notion. History shows us time and time again, that when you have an increase in governmental power it equals a decrease in personal liberty and freedom. By having an increase in taxes on any group of people in this nation, we restrict everyone's personal freedom. The simple truth of the matter is that we have a tax code in this nation, at all levels of government, that punishes success. Our elected officials ignore the fact that many of those who are rich today have not inherited their wealth, they earned it through hard work and risk taking. It is those people who we need to be able to spend their money on what many of their critics call "extravagant luxuries," because it is those purchases that provide jobs for the rest of us. It is those people who with their excess money, create charities; and donate to organizations that help those in need. It is those people who invest in ideas and programs that have spurred the development and research into new technologies and medications that the rest of us enjoy and benefit from. The simple fact is that we need those people in order for the rest of us to succeed. Many of the proposals now under consideration by the current Congress and Senator Obama would do great harm to those people, and in turn our economy. In fact many

Historians and Economists today agree that FDR's New Deal in 1933 did more to prolong the Great Depression than end it.

Let me give you another example of governmental abuse of power by taxation through personal experience. My family came to the US following World War 2 in 1952. My grandfather got a job in NYC, and through hard work, raising with my grandmother 2 kids, was in just over 10 years able to buy a little over 2 acres of land in upstate NY and build his own house, for the most part with his own hands on weekends. Today, my grandmother, who still resides in a house that my family has come to love and return to every Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years and July 4th, is being forced to sell. Why? Because our elected officials have made it unattainable for her to keep it because of her \$13,000 a year property tax bill. If it wasn't for some very smart investments, and always putting away for

retirement, and living within their means, my grandparents would have never been able to afford, let alone keep their home. Now, in her golden years (my grandmother is 83), she is being forced to sell. Can anyone tell me why this has to be this way? Can anyone honestly tell me that this is right or just?

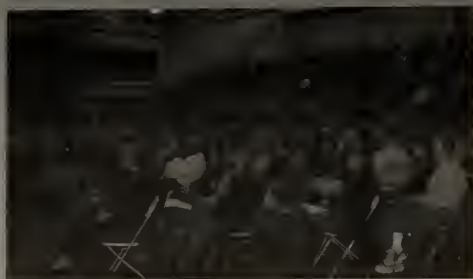
Here is another example that affects many middle class families. My mother, makes just over \$26,000 a year, is a widow and has 6 children. My parents purchased their home in 1985, for \$42,000. At that time for tax purposes it is assessed at \$352,000. My mom's wages have not gone up that much in the last 10 years, but her property tax burden has increased 500%, and to the point that her home this past spring went into foreclosure, not because of the mortgage mess, but because of the property taxes. In fact nearly 50% of the foreclosures in my area are due to taxes. Families that have owned land for years, are forced to sell and leave in order to not end up on the street. Once again I ask, how is this just? How is this fair? How is this right?

For me it all comes down to this, I believe that the power to tax is the power to destroy. When government takes any of us, it takes away from our dignity, and erodes our ability to support and provide for our families. We can't support our families unless we have jobs. We won't have jobs, unless other people (ie. the wealthy) have both the money to invest, and the confidence to risk that money through investment. They won't do that, if government is going to punish them through an unjust and unfair tax code.

The Government exists to create and foster an environment that allows for ordinary people (you and me) through their personal drive and ambition, to achieve their goals and dreams. We are, as individuals, our own best resource to ensure our own happiness, success and prosperity. No government ever created on this earth, has ever been able to provide for people's happiness through a government program.

When government acts, it must be tempered by prudence, and in its willingness to do good, it must be balanced by the knowledge that government is never more dangerous, then when in our desire to help it help us, it blinds us to its great power to harm us. I caution everyone I meet to think the issues that face us through their logical result. We must not be willing to trade away our freedoms in the name of the public good, in order to have comfort in the short term. There are many things the government was and is never meant to do. Many of the proposals Senator Obama has I believe fall into this category.

Doris Kearns Goodwin



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Those Darn Kidults! The Menace of Eternal Youth

STEPHEN HOLDEN
NEW YORK TIMES

Judd Apatow neither wrote nor directed "Role Models," the newest entry in the increasingly worn-out "boys will be babies until they are forced to grow up" school of arrested-development comedies. But he might as well have. Directed by David Wain ("Wet Hot American Summer"), it follows the silly misadventures of two failing Peter Pans who are forced to do community service to avoid jail time.

These superannuated hirs, Wheeler (Seann William Scott) and Danny (Paul Rudd), are temperamental opposites. Wheeler is the same drooling skirt chaser, with the same idiotic grin, that Mr. Scott played in the "American Pie" movies. Danny is a whining, misanthropic underachiever who realizes he is in an occupational rut but is too depressed to do anything about it.

Wheeler and Danny are best friends (who knows why?) and traveling salesmen who peddle a nauseating-looking energy drink called Minotaur. It is marketed to Southern California high school students, with the

slogan "taste the beast," as a healthy substitute for a drug high. Wheeler appears in costume at school assemblies as the hairy corporate mascot, Minotaur Man,

while Danny half-heartedly delivers the product's official good-health spiel to blank-faced students.

Wheeler loves his work, but Danny, who suspects the drink may be poisonous, loathes it. He vents his discontent to his girlfriend, Beth (Elizabeth Banks), a successful lawyer, who becomes so fed up with his bellyaching that she dumps him. After an especially dismal presentation in which Danny veers off script and disparages Minotaur, he goes ballistic in a traffic dispute that destroys the company truck; both he and Wheeler receive 30-day jail sentences. Beth negotiates a compromise: they can avoid jail with

150 hours of community service.

The alternative to prison is a mentor program for troubled youth called Sturdy Wings, founded by Gayle

Rudd's ever-lustful boss in "The 40-Year-Old Virgin." With the ferocity of a drill instructor and the boundless confidence of a self-help guru who combines

Gayle, will have nothing to do with them.

Wheeler's "little brother," Ronnie (Bobb'e J. Thompson), has an even dirtier mind than his mentor and suggests a foul-mouthed Gary Coleman. Danny's little brother, Augie (Christopher Mintz-Plasse), is a teenage uber-geek, cut from the same cloth as Fogell, a.k.a. McLovin', Mr. Mintz-Plasse's character in "Superbad." He lives in the fantasy kingdom of Laire, an elaborate dungeons-and-dragons-like live-action role-playing game whose players dress up as knights, damsels and wizards in the Middle Ages — a world a teenage misfit can get lost in.

Although "Role Models" pokes fun at the game, Laire is taken seriously enough to be the vehicle for both Augie's and Danny's redemption once Danny enters the game. The movie would have been much funnier, not to mention genuinely subversive, had it laid waste to both the pretensions of Sturdy Wings and the fantasies of Laire. But for the crowd-pleasing finale, in which the players don Kiss makeup for a final battle, "Role Models" pours sugar and cream on everything and turns it to mush.



Seann William Scott and Paul Rudd in "Role Models."

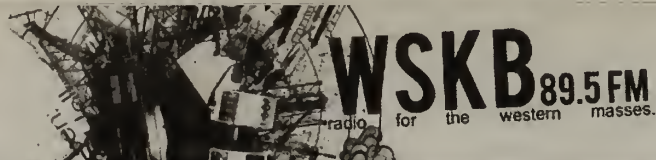
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Sweeney (Jane Lynch), a gung-ho do-gooder and former cocaine addict who is so full of herself she comes across as a fire-breathing zealot. (Imagine a demented Suze Orman with heavy personal baggage.)

Gayle, who won't shut up about her addiction and recovery, inspires a zany performance from Ms. Lynch that transcends her turn as Mr.

psychobabble clichés with embarrassingly explicit confessions. Ms. Lynch's Gayle redeems the movie from utter banality.

In the movie's running joke the big brothers are more immature and brattier than the little ones they are charged to instruct. Until the roles are reversed, the film's mummy surrogates, including Beth and



DJ of the Week

If you want to be DJ of the Week, or want to nominate somebody for DJ of the Week, email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

Name: Tim Rattelle

Hometown: Springfield, Mass.

Major: Communications - Media Arts

Grade: Senior

Show(s): The T-ratt Terrific Show aka The T-ratt, Cosky and Ange Show (Tues. 6-8)

Show details: "I am a DJ on the T-Ratt Terrific Show. Actually it's the T-Ratt, Cosky and Ange show, in that order. We have one loyal listener, Ivan Cordero, and I have no idea how to use the technology. I just speak."

EDITOR'S DESK



MATTHEW CASTONGUAY
VOICE COLUMNIST

Big game for the Pats tomorrow night on prime time against the Jets. I'll be at the game with Matt and Jeff, and I am praying for snow. The one negative about going to the game is that I will miss Dark Star at the Calvin Theater, the greatest Grateful Dead cover band around. However, I'm hoping to catch 1964:The Tribute on Friday in Noho.

Don't forget to register for classes next week (by the time this paper comes out most seniors will have already picked classes) but heres a tip based on my three years of picking classes at this school. Wake up early and be prepared to go to Wilson because something always gets screwed up with the computers on the morning of registration. Good luck.

Also, we will not be holding our weekly Voice meeting this coming Thursday, November 20, because we will not be putting out an issue the week of Thanksgiving. So keep that in mind.

Thanksgiving can't come soon enough, 13 days.

Song of the week: The Grateful Dead - Terrapin Station

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Upcoming Shows In Northampton

@ The Calvin Theatre

Friday, November 14 - 1964 The Tribute(#1 Beatles tribute in the world!) - 8pm, \$35/\$25

Saturday, November 15 - Ira Glass of This American Life - 8pm, \$25

Sunday, November 23 - Michael Fanti and Spearhead featuring Cherine Anderson - 8pm, \$29.50

@ The Iron Horse

Friday, November 14 - Jonathan Edwards Trio with Stuart Shulman and Taylor Armerding - 7pm, \$28

Sunday, November 9 - Alejandro Escovedo/Amy Cook - 7pm, \$28

@ Pearl Street

Saturday, November 8 - Iron and Wine/Blitzen Trapper - 7pm, \$28

For tickets, visit: ihg.com

Buffett brings hope to local family

showed up to take us away to the closest thing we were going to get to a hotel on that particular weekend, the hospital.

After a brief stint there, we went to the salvage lot to inspect the damage and, most importantly, that blender. To our surprise, besides a scratch and a

rushed through the crowd to our seats, no more than 30 feet from the stage. Jimmy and his band played for an hour and half, playing all his hits including "It's 5 O'clock Somewhere," "Come Monday," "One Particular Harbor," "Volcano" and of course, "Margaritaville."



Castonguay Suburban

We drank Margarita's and Landshark Lager all night, but unfortunately, never got to meet Jimmy. He had to be flown out quickly because of the weather. David Ortiz, who was

On February 16th of this year, my family and I were nearly killed in an accident on our way to Florida. At 4am that morning, we

were rearended by a weary traveler who fell asleep at the wheel, and derailed our vacation plans. The red Chevy Trailblazer plowed into our fully-loaded Chevy Suburban at nearly 100mph, blowing out the windows and folding the trucks box frame at a 45 degree angle, lifting the rear end of the truck off the ground. For a moment, the white lines of the New York thruway were running vertically in the front windshield, before we slammed back down to Earth and careened across the highway and into the Jersey barrier.

As we all collected our thoughts and made sure everyone was ok, we got out and tried to survey the damage. Food, clothes and other personal items were strewn about the highway and our brand new, \$300 Margaritaville Key West Frozen Concoction maker was jammed up underneath the left front tire. Being a family of boat drink-loving Parrotheads, the sight of this was quite possibly the most painful part of the whole ordeal. My father walked over sullenly, like the father in a Christmas Story, walking out to bury his "Major Award," expecting to hear the jingling of broken glass and metal, but to his surprise, the blender appeared to be intact. Just then, the ambulance

small crack on the water reservoir on the back, it was none the worse for ware, and, still worked like a charm.



Margarita Mixer

Amazed by the durability of the blender, we wrote a testament letter to the company, detailing the events and sending along pictures. This is where the story gets good. Somewhere along the way, Jimmy Buffett, himself, read the letter, and was so interested in our story that he requested that he meet us all and hear the story first-hand. In order to do this, Buffett set us up with VIP passes to a private concert/ grand opening party for his Margaritaville Café at Mohegan Sun in Uncasville, CT. this past Saturday.

When we arrived, we were

also a guest of honor. didn't even get to meet him, so it wasn't personal.

The store set us up with two new blenders, the new Tahiti Frozen Concoction Maker, and a new Key West FCM. The old one, along with pictures from the crash and the blenders travel case are currently on display at the Margaritaville Café at Mohegan Sun.

For me, regardless of the fact that we didn't get to meet Jimmy Buffett, it was still the experience of a lifetime, and gives me a whole new respect for the man. While our blender is marketing gold, the stops he and his people pulled out and are still pulling out to take care of us, are incredible and entirely unexpected, but also greatly appreciated. Its great to see that some celebrities will still take the time and effort to take care of some of the people who support them.

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Women's Soccer To Play At Ithaca, NY

NCAA Division III Women's Soccer Tournament

The Westfield State College women's soccer team will play host Ithaca (N.Y.) College in a first round game of the NCAA Division III national tournament on Saturday, Nov. 15.

In the other NCAA Regional game being hosted by Ithaca, Roger Williams College of Bristol, R.I., will play the University of Rochester. The game times are 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., with Ithaca hosting Westfield in the late-morning matchup. The regional final is scheduled for 1:00 Sunday.

Westfield State received its first-ever NCAA bid with a 3-0 victory over Bridgewater State in the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) championship game.

The Owls are 15-4 overall with 14 victories in their last 15 games. The 15 victories match the school record by the 1997 Westfield State squad, which finished 15-4.

And this season has been a dramatic turnaround from last year, when Westfield State finished 4-12-1 overall and 0-5-1 in the conference.

Westfield and Ithaca

have played a common opponent. Ithaca lost to Utica

Springfield College tournament. The loss dropped the Owls' record to 1-3, but since then the only bump in the road was a 2-0 loss to Worcester State.

While Westfield is making its first venture to the NCAA Tournament, Ithaca College is no stranger to post-season play. The Bombers are making their 19th appearance in the NCAA playoffs; no other school has made more. Ithaca made four trips to the

national titles in 1990 and 1991.

Team-wise, the Owls have scored 57 goals (3.0 average) and allowed 19 goals (1.0) average. Sophomore Meg Gearin (Groton, Mass.) is the leading scorer in the balanced attack with 13 goals and 5 assists. Sophomore Kate MacLellan (Wilbraham) has 9 goals and 11 assists and Jenn Leveille (Southampton) - the team's only senior - has 9 goals and 3 assists. Ali Pease (Ludlow) and Jill Ranney (Southwick) have 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Westfield freshman goalie Jess Pieciak (Three Rivers/Palmer) has allowed 12 goals in 18 games played for a 0.77 goals against average.



Westfield State captains, left to right, Alicia Chandler, Jesse Tomich, Jenn Leveille and Meg Gearin admire the MASCAC championship trophy presented to them by Westfield State College president Evan Dobelle. Photo By Tom Moriarty

College, 2-1, while Westfield lost to Utica, 2-0, in the

NCAA Final Four from 1988 to 1991 highlighted by consecutive

Westfield Trounces Worcester, 41-0

Cohen Shines In Season Finale

WESTFIELD, Mass. - Senior quarterback Dan Cohen (Wilbraham) completed 11 of 17 passes for 224 yards and three touchdowns - all in the first half - as Westfield State College rolled to a 41-0 victory over Worcester State in its New England Football Conference (NEFC) season finale.

The Owls finished the season with a 6-4 overall record and a 4-3 NEFC Bogan Division mark. Worcester State ended 2-8 and 2-5, including a 32-31 victory over Bogan Division champion Maine Maritime Academy.

Cohen set a school record and nearly broke two more standards in his superb first-half performance. He finished this season with a school-record 155 pass completions. The

Minnehaug High School graduate threw for 2,019 yards this season (30 shy of the school record) and 24 touchdown passes (1 shy of the school record). In his outstanding three-year career, he had 411 pass completions and 5,258 passing yards, both school records.

Junior receiver David Benoit (Ludlow) also had a standout year. He had four receptions for 84 yards and two touchdowns vs. Worcester State, boosting his 2008 season totals to 65 catches, 1,046 receiving yards and a school-

record 16 touchdown receptions.

Westfield took a commanding 34-0 halftime lead. The first score when set up when the Owls stuffed a Worcester fourth-down play at the Owl 49. Eight plays later, running back Jason Protle scored from two yards out.

Westfield's second score was set up on a 48-yard

field pass from 19 yards out to Benoit.

Cohen and the rest of the first-teams saw limited action in the second half after senior fullback P.J. Malone (Colrain) scored on a 1-yard run with 6:39 left in the third quarter.

The Owls again played well with no turnovers, while the defense intercepted three



Westfield State senior offensive lineman Joe Hobin and his parents are greeted by head coach Steve Marino during the Senior Day pre-game ceremonies.

interception return by standout defensive back Kyle Anderson. On the ensuing play, Cohen rifled a 27-yard scoring strike to Benoit after faking two hand-offs in the backfield.

Freshman Luke Johnson scored on an eight-yard run to cap a five-play, 51-yard drive. Johnson also scored the next touchdown, exhibiting outstanding speed on a 77-yard screen pass.

Cohen capped the first-half scoring with 28 seconds remaining with a perfect cross-

passes and held the Lancers to 195 yards in total offense.

Senior linebacker Jay Fielding capped an outstanding career with a team-high 11 tackles. Jon Palmer posted eight tackles and a half of sack and Adrian Lafayette had four tackles and 1.5 sacks. Senior linebacker Nick Gallant led the Lancers with 13 tackles.

Cohen Named NEFC Player Of Week

Westfield State senior quarterback Dan Cohen (Wilbraham) was selected the New England Football Conference (NEFC) Player of the Week for leading the Owls to a resounding 41-0 victory over Worcester State in the regular season finale.

Cohen completed 11 of 17 passes for 224 yards and three touchdowns - all in the first half - in a superb performance in his final collegiate game.

The Saint Anselm's transfer completed his fine three-year career at Westfield State with eight school passing

records. He holds school career records for completions (411), attempts (783), yards (5,254) and completion percentage (.524).

He set records this season for completions (155) and completion percentage (.556). He also set game records for completions (26) and attempts (56) vs. Fitchburg State in 2007.

Cohen only threw 28 interceptions in 27 career games. He had 23 touchdown passes this season (two shy of the school record) and 44 career TD passes (seven shy of the school record).



Westfield State record-setting quarterback Dan Cohen. Photo By Tom Moriarty

Westfield Blanks Becker, 4-0

WESTFIELD — Westfield State College received goals from four players in coasting to a 4-0 victory over Becker College in an opening round game of the ECAC New England Division III field hockey tournament.

Westfield improved to 12-7 and tied a school record for victories in a season. The No. 3 seed Owls will play Saturday at No. 2 Plymouth State in the ECAC semifinals. Plymouth (14-7) defeated Framingham State, 4-1, in an ECAC quarterfinal game. During the regular season, Westfield State jumped out to a 3-0 lead and held on for a 3-2 victory over Plymouth State.

In Saturday's other semifinal game, No. 1 Endicott College hosts No. 4 seed St. Joseph's of Maine, which advanced with a 2-1 victory over Worcester State. The championship game is scheduled for Sunday.

Westfield State, which beat Becker, 4-1, during the regular season, struck for two goals in a five-minute span to take a 2-0 halftime lead. Alfia Gardner scored the game-winning goal in the 23rd minute with an assist from Vicky Winslow. Later under five minutes, just, Winslow scored with Garuner getting the assist.

The Owls tied the victory with two goals in a 1:30 span late in the game. Kara Guitarr scored off a penalty corner assist from Jessi Gould, and Kasey Bascetta assisted on a goal by Amanda Burns.

Westfield outshot Becker, 18-2. Both of Becker's shot came with 15 minutes remaining in the game. Westfield also dominated penalty corners, 16-1, including 10 in the first half.

Becker goalie Clara Lawrence made eight saves.

Westfield, Franklin Pierce Play To Tie Capacity Crowd Watches Owls' Debut

WESTFIELD — Franklin Pierce rallied from a 2-0 deficit in a 2-2 overtime tie with Westfield State College in the men's ice hockey season opener on Saturday, Nov. 8.

It was the first varsity ice hockey game for Westfield State in 20 years, and a standing room only crowd of 1,063 at Amelia Park cheered on the Owls to a 2-0 lead.

Junior Casey Mignone (Ramsey, NJ) scored both goals for the Owls. Franklin Pierce scored with time running out in the second period on

a 3-on-3 power play goal by Jeff Kasper. Franklin Pierce



President Evan Doherty drops the ceremonial first puck this past Saturday.

tyed the score with 4:27 remaining in regulation on a goal by Anthony Chighisola.

First Period Scoring: Westfield: Casey Mignone (Dylan Scanlon, Pat

Nelson), 10:48

Second Period

Scoring: Westfield: Casey Mignone (Dennis Zak, Jimmy Alexander), 12:54 (PP) Franklin Pierce: Jeff Kasper (Sean Woodring, Nate Schursky), 19:23 (PP)

Third Period

Scoring: Franklin Pierce: Anthony Chighisola (Rob Perretta), 15:33

Goalie Saves:

Westfield: Ray Monroe — 40

saves

Franklin Pierce: Jon Tuttle — 35 saves

Dustin Pedroia Earns First Gold Glove

TERESA DOLLFUSS
SPORTS REPORTER

Gold glove awards were announced the end of last week, and Red Sox fans noticed a very familiar name on the list. Boston's own dirt dog, Dustin Pedroia, won the Gold Glove for his excellence in defense at second base.

This past season was only Pedroia's second full season in the majors, and this was his first Gold Glove. At the end of last season Pedroia won Rookie

of the Year, and following up Rookie of the Year with a Gold Glove isn't a bad way to start a career.

Pedroia becomes the second Red Sox second baseman to win a Gold Glove, the last being in 1972 by Doug Griffin. In the 157 games that Pedroia played during the season, he only made six errors in 733 chances. His fielding percentage was second in the American League at .992, and that percentage is the third best in club history.

He was the only Red

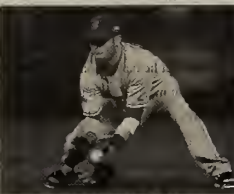


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Sox player to win a Gold Glove this year, but his win made it 3 out of the last 4 years that a Red

Sox player won a Gold Glove. Varitek won a Gold Glove in 2005, and Youkilis won a Gold Glove last year.

With Pedroia winning the Gold Glove this year, and even Kevin Youkilis winning last year, it shows the talent in the Red Sox minor league system. General Manager Theo Epstein has a flair for knowing talent, and it shows when these younger guys come up from the minors and end up having success like those of Pedroia, Youkilis, and even Jacoby Ellsbury. Unfortunately, Ellsbury

wasn't honored with the Rookie of the Year award, which went to Evan Longoria of Tampa Bay.

A start like this to his career can only mean more good things to come. More Gold Glove awards could be in Pedroia's future, and it is even rumored that he could win this year's AL Most Valuable Player Award. That award is announced on November 18th.

Round Table: NFL predictions after Week 8



Jeff Dale

The team to beat is clearly going to be the Titans. I just don't know if Kerry Collins can really hold up, but it's not like they don't have a great back up in Vince Young. In the NFC, as much as it hurts me to say it, the Giants are the cream of the crop. The Pats are well coached, but with all the injuries it will be impossible to compete with the elite. Unless Cassel can channel his inner Brady it's going to be a Titans- Giants Super Bowl.



Colby Henderson

Going into this season I had the Patriots at 8-0 and beaded for a Super Bowl 43 match up against the Cowboys. However, with Brady/Maroney/Harrison/Thomas sidelined for the season, I'd say at this point I'd have to go with the undefeated Tennessee Titans and the defending champs, New York Giants. I still think the Pats will make the playoffs but without the veteran presence of Brady and Harrison they won't go very deep.



Matthew Castonguay

Its certainly going to be nice to see a Super Bowl without the damn Patriots this year or some dumb biddy proposing to Tom Brady at media day. What I'm looking forward to is everyone fawing over Brett Favre, in what will be his last Super Bowl. Everyone will expect the Jet Favre and the New York Brett's to win, but again, everyone will write off that other team from jersey, the GGGGG MNNNNNN!!



Patrick Dayton

I believe the Patriots have an outside shot of making it to the AFC championship but will have to be content with a defeat to Pittsburgh. What about Tennessee? They will lose their first game in the playoffs, why? No QB. The NFC was the Cowboys to lose and they absolutely did. As hard as it is for me to say the Giants are the favorite and will march on to their second Superbowl win. Pat's fans will have to wait till Brady's back.



Steve Harvey

Going into another year as a hockey fan I'd had enough of reading about Boston Sports with people going Pats, sox and Celtics, oh and of course the Bruins, well finally the Bruins are actually doing well, so hockey fans enjoy a great season, while everyone else cries about being 6-3, i think that the fans can deal without a superbowl trip this year.

FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

It was Tuesday night, and I was sitting on my bed, cramming in a last-minute 1000 word essay for my history class about the Lowell Mill girls, trying to come up with something to bitch about this week in this column. I thought about talking about Allen Iverson getting traded to the Pistons, but, what I've already written is about all I can tolerate to write about on the NBA, (the National Boredom Association, where Predictable happens.) so that's out. I contemplated trashing on the Philadelphia Eagles, my least favorite organization in the world besides Capital One, as well as lamenting the NCAA for still not doing anything about a playoff system in lieu of the BCS. Then, while watching E:60 for that hottie Rachael Nichols, and the off chance to see my boy, Bill Simmons, I saw two stories, which made me, the callous asshole who comes to you each week from these pages, silently applaud.

The first story is that of Adam Bender, an 8 year-old boy who plays baseball, football, soccer and wrestles. He

is an out going kid who loves sports, just like your average 8 year-old. But he is anything but average. When Adam was born, he had cancer in his left thigh. When the tumor didn't respond to round after round of Chemotherapy, His parents had to decide whether to continue treatment or amputate his leg. They chose the second option, and amputated the leg below the pelvis. As he got older, Adam wanted to play sports but was told by nearly everyone he couldn't do it. The first sport he played was soccer, where he learned to kick the ball by swinging his leg, using his crutches. He became the leagues leading scorer, leading the town to move him into a different, more advanced league; where he again quickly became the leagues top scorer.

When he turned eight, Adam wanted to try baseball. The town wanted him to play in the "Miracle League," a league for children with disabilities. Adam didn't want to play there because he felt he was good enough to play with all the

other kids. He learned how to crouch on one leg so he could catch and play on the team. What is even more amazing, is at the plate, where he has gotten so accustomed to balancing on one leg, that he can swing a baseball bat just as well as anyone on the team (and better than Jeffery Dale, for that matter) Not satisfied with being two-sport star, Adam decided to try his hand at flag football. He took to it like a fish to water, playing quarterback, taking every snap from the shotgun.

Adam Bender is an incredible athlete, even if he'll never play in the MLS or MLB or the NFL. He may not be equipped with all the God-given talent or even all the physical components deemed necessary to be an athlete, but he has the one thing that most of them today are missing, and that's heart.

The second story I saw was one about D.J. Gregory, a 30 year-old man from Savannah, Georgia, who was born with Cerebral Palsy, and told from birth, that he would never walk. Gregory had numerous surgeries to

straighten out his legs and give him an opportunity to walk. He started walking with a four-legged walker, but quickly grew out of that, and graduated to two arm crutches. By the age of 9, he was walking with a single cane, and teaching himself how to play golf. He picked up golf because it was the only sport he could play, and fell in love with it.

In 1990, his father took him to see his first PGA tour event in North Carolina. It was at this tournament, that a chance encounter with CBS golf analyst, Jim Nantz, turned into a life long friendship, and gave him an opportunity to accomplish a dream; to walk every single hole of every single PGA Tour event in the 2008 season. It doesn't sound like much, but for D.J. Gregory, it would be a miracle, to walk 900 miles of golf courses, starting in Hawaii and ending in Orlando, FL. Gregory followed a different player each week of the season, ending with the final 18 holes in Orlando at the Children's Miracle Network Open.

For me, watching these two stories was incredible. The courage of these two individuals is nearly enough to move anyone to tears. We all have our problems from day to day, and unfortunately, we tend to turn them into little wars, stressing out and panicking over every little thing, taking for granted the simplest things in our lives. For Adam Bender and D.J. Gregory, being able to walk and play golf and carry out some of the most common tasks that we all over look, is a battle. For me, These two individuals will always remind me that, for any challenge, no matter how large or small it may be, the most important thing is to always attack it and never give up. In the end, its not about what you don't have or can't do, but what you can do and what you have, and for D.J. Gregory and Adam Bender, that's heart.

For the original stories that inspired me to have a grinch-like change of heart, please go to www.espn.go.com and search E:60.

Six Owls Named All-Conference

Six members of Westfield State College's championship women's soccer team were named to the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) all-conference squads.

The Owls landed four first-team selections led by sophomore forward Meg Gearin (Groton, Mass.). Gearin has scored 31 points (13 goals, 5 assists) heading into Westfield's NCAA Tournament game vs. Ithaca College. She has five

game-winning goals.

Also selected first-team all-conference were sophomore midfielder Kate MacLellan (Wilbraham), junior back Alicia Chandler (Duxbury) and freshman goalie Jess Pieciak (Three Rivers/Palmer HS).

MacLellan has recorded 29 points (9 goals, 11 assists). Her 11 assists are two shy of the single-season school record. Chandler has scored six points (2 goals, 2 assists) from her defensive position. Pieciak has

allowed only 12 goals in 18 games played for a .770 goals against average. She has a 15-2 win-loss record.

Second-team picks are forward Jenn Leveille (Southampton) - the team's only senior - and sophomore midfielder Ali Pease (Ludlow). Leveille has 21 points (9 goals, 3 assists), including four game-winning goals. Pease (5 goals, 2 assists) was the only Westfield State player named all-conference last year.

Trudeau Selected All-Conference

Westfield State College senior midfielder Jeff Trudeau (Swansea) was selected to the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference all-conference

second team.

Trudeau tallied four goals and one assist for the Owls, who finished 6-9-2 overall and 2-3-2 in the conference.



Jeff Trudeau

Athlete Of The Week

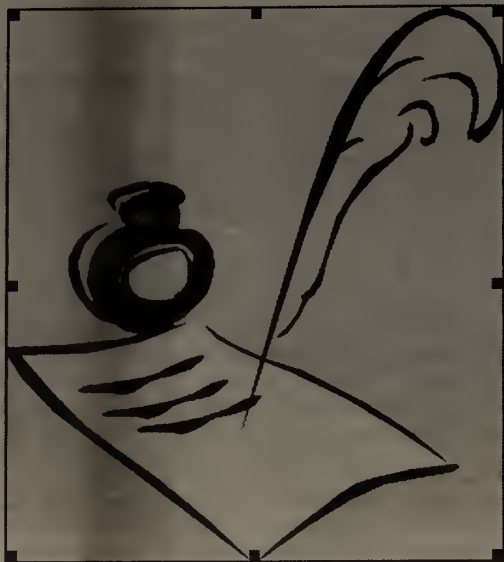
Casey Mignone



Major: Business, Finance
Year: Junior

Comments on the new hockey team the team atmosphere here at WSC is great and I am very proud to wear a Westfield State Jersey. It's an honor to be a part of this team, the guys are all great, and we are looking forward to a great year. Also I wanted to thank all the fans for coming out

Persona's Flash Fiction Contest



Like to write?

Come to our Flash Fiction Contest
Wednesday, November 19th at 6:30
Wilson Computer lab room 101!

All participants will be given prompts to choose from and 20 minutes to free-write.

Entries will be judged and the top three will be published in this year's edition of Persona!

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

You are in a very positive cycle that brings out the best of your personality and charisma. There's a natural ease that causes others to want to help and assist you in obtaining your goals and desires.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

Extra care and consideration is needed before rushing into taking action because your logic could be altered by this un-verified information. The idea is to take it all in and allow time to reveal the truth. You gain an advantage.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

The universe is doing everything it can to give you that extra push to set your ideas and dreams into motion. The main idea at play here is that your dreams really can come true and this energy is trying to do just that. It's time to believe in yourself the same way the universe does.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

Your week is all about you. This is when everybody will be checking you out. Waiting and watching your every move to see what you do next so they can follow your lead. A perfect time for career advancement and opportunities. Without showing off, allow others to see you at your very best.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

There's a lesson to be learned in this week's energy. You would be wise to consider the consequences of everyone of your words and actions. There's the need to dig deeper to consider what others are doing and saying too. Are you taking what is said as truth without checking the facts?

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

It's perfect for self expression, making this a perfect time for issues that relate to love and romance. A transit like this causes others to be radically drawn and attracted to you, making it difficult to get things done.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

This energy brings out the best of your people skills and has a tendency to bring you face to face with others and causes new relationships and partnerships to be formed. Your psychic abilities will be spot on. Trust your gut instincts.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

More than anything, you cannot allow your mood or attitude turn negative this week. This chart energy makes it easy to see all the flaws. It's working with this energy in a positive way that causes you to stand out in the eyes of others.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 23)

You are in one of your most creative and expressive times of the year. This energy brings out the best of your people skills, and causes others to see you as much more approachable and fun to be around.

Libra

(September 24 - October 23)

You need to get serious this week and really determine if your current path is capable of providing for you the wealth and abundance you desire. There are also issues that need to be addressed relating to the balance of your home and professional life. Later in the week, the energy totally changes into a fun and social time.

Scorpio

(October 24 - November 23)

Everything about this week's energy will work better if you keep the mood as light and filled with humor as possible. Your people skills will be warm and friendly and cause others to want to be around you. The weekend is geared toward taking care of home life issues and doing what's necessary to prepare for the future.

Sagittarius

(November 21 - December 21)

Your chart indicates there is good financial news on the way. You would be wise to pay closer attention to the opportunities available to you. You are in a state of heightened awareness that gives you deeper insight into the true working of things.

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PRESIDENT OBAMA!

MEANWHILE...



Thumbs Up / Thumbs Down




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Fire that destroyed the Comfort Inn.

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Student of the Week



Stats: Clark Robert George Freeman, 20, Junior from Natick, Mass.

Major: Environment Science and Geography and Regional Planning

What is your favorite article of clothing?
Any cargo shorts with pockets on the side.

What's your favorite type of alternative fuel?
Hydrogen.

If you won the lottery what are the first three things you would buy?
A lifetime supply of variety pack Game foils. I'd go on a vacation to Fiji and I'd buy the yacht that would take me there.

What's your favorite meal?
Steak and shrimp shish kabob.

If you could sleep with one famous person who would it be?
Jessica Alba.

What do you want to be when you grow up?
An environmental consultant, and then when I retire I want to become a college professor and live off the state's benefits.

If you want to be the Westfield State College Student of the Week, or want to submit a friend as Student of the Week, email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu

RYAN HAYER
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PLATTSBURGH — The Plattsburgh State men's basketball team was able to overcome inexperience to win its first game Saturday night against Johnson State.

It would not be the same against Westfield State (2-0), who took advantage of the Cardinals' shortcomings just enough to win the championship game of the Cardinal Classic, 64-60, Sunday afternoon.

It was an end to an interesting weekend for the Owls, who had to watch their hotel, Comfort Inn, go up in

flames Saturday. None of their possessions were destroyed, but the team had to purchase new sneakers at Dick's Sporting Goods, which came with a discount.

"What really was impressive to me is the people of Plattsburgh really opened up their hearts to us — the fire department, the people at Dick's Sporting Goods," Westfield State Head Coach Rich Suter said. "It's a tremendous community and we're proud to have the championship come home to Westfield."

The young Cardinal team showed resiliency coming back from a 29-24 halftime deficit, taking the lead and battling for possession of it until the last minutes. Foul trouble

stripped PSU of some aggressiveness on defense, allowing the Owls to outscore the Cardinals 12-4 in the decisive final three minutes.

"Guys that weren't able to go by them early in the game were getting by them to the rim," Plattsburgh State Head Coach Tom Curle said.

The loss snapped a 16-game, regular-season home winning streak, and it was the first loss in Memorial Hall to a non-conference opponent during the regular season since Nov. 21, 2004, to Oswego, incidentally, in the Cardinal Classic championship game.

Despite the loss, Curle said he was pleased with his team's effort and desire as they grow into a more cohesive unit.

"We're not going to let the highs get us too high or the lows get us too low," Curle said. "We're going to have some setbacks. As long as we learn from them, I think we'll be there when it counts."

A 9-2 run got them within five at the half and they took the lead four minutes into the second when sophomore forward RJ Poesse was fouled on a successful put-back and sank the ensuing free throw.

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Thanksgiving marks beginning of Holiday Season

CAIT PENNORF
OP-ED EDITOR

We've put away our Halloween costumes and honored our Veterans, now it's time to celebrate Thanksgiving. While most are gearing up to eat extreme amounts of pie and slip into a deep turkey coma, it's important to think back to the little guys that made this holiday

possible.

In 1612, some Plymouth colonist and Wampanoag Indians got together to celebrate the harvest and crops. This was not the first celebration of this type, however. The Native Americans had been celebrating bountiful harvests for many years before the Europeans hit the American scene.

European settlers did

have their own form of giving thanks though. According to the History Channel, in 1619 Captain John Woodlief and a group of settlers pledged "Thanksgiving" to God for allowing them to have a "healthy arrival after a long voyage across the Atlantic."

Now-a-days, Thanksgiving is a holiday where we get together with our family and friends to enjoy one another's company, say "thanks" to show appreciation for everything we have, and of course, eat.

It took the Cardinals (1-1) 13 minutes to reach double-digit points, and not long after, they were down 26-13.

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"My favorite part about Thanksgiving is that I get to get together with my family and eat wicked good food. And you get to skip the whole awkwardness of pretending to like horrible presents," said sophomore Erin Cheney.

Others enjoy what Thanksgiving means for the rest of the year. "My favorite part of Thanksgiving is the start of the holiday season," said junior Matt Lechter.

Lechter isn't the only one who recognizes this occasion as the start of our holiday season. The traditional Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, which first began 1924, was called the Macy's Christmas Parade

because it launched the beginning of the holiday shopping season.

While the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade is a big deal to some, food and sweets seemed to be the main attraction for most Thanksgiving zealots. In fact, according to the National Turkey Federation, 45 million turkeys were eaten at Thanksgiving, which is one fifth of the annual total of 235 million turkeys eaten in the United States in 2007.

"I love waking up to the smell of the turkey in the oven, but my favorite dish would have to be stuffing, Mmmm," said Lechter.

"I love my aunt's mashed potatoes, but I don't think I could say anything is my favorite but the turkey because it's so good," said junior Alex Fagan.

While we all think of the traditional Thanksgiving meal as including turkey, mashed potatoes and pie, the colonists and Native Americans had a bit of a different menu. There was no cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie or even corn on the cob. Our friends from the past enjoyed a variety of food, ranging from turkey to vegetables, fruits and nuts. Lobster and eel were also present on the colonists and Native American's tables. Yum, sounds delicious. So whether you're into Thanksgiving for the parade or the stuffing, remember to give thanks to those colonists and Native Americans for creating a holiday in which we can stuff our faces shamelessly. And be thankful that tradition of eating eel never caught on.



Get ready to watch football and eat turkey.

FIRE CONTINUED...

Lead changes were common after that point until the final three minutes, when the Dubs went on their run to take the lead and secure the tournament title.

The Cardinals had a chance to tie it with thirty seconds left when freshman point guard Ketema Brooks misdirected his defender in the key but missed the shot.

"Rushed," Curle said. "You're not going to get a quicker guy than that, but you got to slow down at the point of impact."

Brad Mader was a force off the bench for the Cardinals. The sophomore transfer showed a deft hand underneath the basket, scoring several key buckets. He was active on both ends, finishing with a game-high 16 points as well as seven rebounds and two blocks.

Mader scored in the final ten minutes that gave the Cardinals a lead.

"I thought he played outstanding basketball," Curle said. Plattsburgh State's perimeter game has been almost non-existent so far — the team went 1-11 behind the arc Sunday to give them a 16.7 percentage through two games. Westfield State missed all five free throws.

"Beginning of the year the game is moving so much faster than what you're used too. That shot just isn't comfortable," Curle said.

There was a slight improvement from the free-throw line, as the Cardinals shot 64.3 percent after going 13-26 the night before, but they also shot considerably less. Westfield State held the edge in free-throw attempts, 36 to PSU's 14.

Plattsburgh State held the advantage in a less impressive statistic, committing 32 fouls to the Owls' 21. Sophomores Errol Daniyan and Chris Ruiz joined Westfield State's Brandon Mauer, Johnny Dunbar and Johnson State's Bobby Shed on the all-tournament team. Asa Abbot, who had a combined 29 points and 11 rebounds in two games for Westfield State, was named MVP.

Ruiz scored 24 points on 10-15 shooting against Johnson State but had only seven against the Owls, going 3-for-14 from the field. Daniyan's production also dipped between games. He posted a double-double Saturday, but suffered through foul trouble Sunday and finished with eight points and one rebound in 17 minutes.

The Cardinals have three more non-conference games, starting with Norwich Tuesday, before beginning conference play against Brockport.

"We're going to learn from this, that way our next game against Norwich we're going to work even harder on both ends," sophomore guard Tim Havens said.

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Just Sex with Lauren Mattos

Lipstick Feminism, which is sometimes referred to as "slut feminism" is a branch of feminism that equates sex with empowerment. It's somewhat complicated and there are different degrees to how far some interpret this sort of feminism. It can go from seeing lipstick and suggestive clothing as empowerment to seeing prostitution or casual sex as empowerment. Basically, it is an ideology that does not find itself contradictory in being a feminist and at the same time not seeing flashing, casual sex, exhibitionism etc. in conflict with traditional feminism. More traditional feminists would argue that lipstick feminism is a paradoxical idea in which women willingly objectify themselves while calling it empowerment.

My roomie is the one who introduced me to this ideology. I can't say that she was all for it, but I found it interesting nonetheless. I was curious to see what the women (and men!) on this campus thought about this philosophy, and if they in any way felt that there was some truth in it or if it was way off the mark. I got great

responses from both sides and some interesting insight on some other things such as media influence and the use of the word "slut."

In respect to the dressing issue, I had responses from both sides however the general consensus seemed to be "do whatever makes you happy." One sexy reader named Stacey had to say: "I think that you can do whatever you want, whether it be having sex or flaunting your body and being scantily clad, as long as you still have respect for yourself and your womanhood. If you LIKE dressing up, wearing lipstick and heels, and looking 'girly', then that's your own prerogative." Another interesting response about dressing I got was from Meaghan, who said, "As far as dressing provocatively as being empowering, I disagree. I find modesty more empowering. That way a woman has something she can hold over her man. Being on display all the time, flaunting your tatas and assets, that just makes me think of prize farm animals."

We all know the double standard of sex: If men have a lot of partners,

they are a player and a woman is a slut/whore. This is something that lipstick feminism addresses in that they feel women wield a certain power by engaging in promiscuous behavior. The casual sex issue was the big deal on the bulletins and to whether women actually do it for their own enjoyment or to cater to the desires of a male. Obviously one cannot speak for all women, but the responses I got varied in opinion. One female reader named Molly disliked the idea of lipstick feminism, saying, "This ideology is absolutely ludicrous. How is it feminism to do exactly what a man wants you to do? Playing it like a man doesn't work because ultimately you still have something to prove to the men. Plus no matter how much we try to act like a man we're still emotionally different than men and still attach emotion to sex no matter how hard we may try. Until you can do things fully for yourself without taking the man into the equation at all, that's true feminism." Interesting. Another female reader also had some good insight on the issue: "I think a woman should be free to act how-

ever promiscuous she wants, as long as it is what she really wants. As long as she's not fooling herself or hurting herself, which is rarely the case." Well put.

Another interesting aspect of lipstick feminism is that unlike traditional feminists, they do not take issue with the media and their portrayal of women. Lipstick feminists would say that the empowerment lies in the sexual allure of the woman and displaying it does no harm. Perhaps they are right, or maybe that's just an all-too-convenient ideology for the media. Reader Kylie had a very interesting response about the media and the image of sexual empowerment: "Answer: Take MCOM 101. I'm learning right now how the media influences men to believe that sex is #1 priority and influences women to believe that if they somehow cater to that 'ideal' feminine persona that the media creates- then you will wield power in a 'man's world.' Ever hear the words 'sex sells'? So basically, the ideology is true... unfortunately we have constant media cultivation and commercial interests to thank for it." Thanks to Kylie for the

great input.

Now I know I will probably be getting some angry e-mails saying that I am encouraging bad behavior or somehow degrading females (at least that's what some out there think). I don't usually like to offer my opinion, but I will anyway. Ladies, do whatever makes you happy. If you like showing up to class wearing a corset, then fabulous. If it's the turtle-neck that rocks your socks, then more power to you. As far as casual sex goes, as long as you are happy, healthy, and doing it for your own enjoyment and not someone else's approval or love, then go for it. Stop calling each other sluts and whores, know that you are beautiful, and love yourself all the time.

That last line just made me feel like I was in a very special episode of *Saved By The Bell*. For next week I am going to let you guys pick the topic! I will start a topic and you guys can just post on what you want to hear about. Thanks for reading and stay sexy, Westfield State.

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The Angry Liberal with Molly Coyle

As time pushes on president-elect Barack Obama continues the search to fill his cabinet. The latest suspicion: once rival Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State. I've never been a big Hillary fan so maybe it's just me but this idea makes me more than a little nervous. She definitely has quite a bit of experience in many areas of government but the area of foreign policy? I'm not completely convinced. Cofin Powell backed Obama, why not ask him? I definitely think there is a place for Clinton in Obama's cabinet, I'm just not convinced about that one.

Obama also met with John McCain this week.

McCain as Secretary of State? That's a suggestion that makes a little more sense to me, although McCain has seriously different goals when it comes to plans for Iraq. There's obviously still much to be decided and about two more months to go of the 24-hour news networks filling up time with their silly little stories about the Obamas, how they're going to decorate the White House and which hypo-allergenic dog they will choose.

In addition to the dull roar from the news stations now that the election is over there is a topic that isn't being covered very much at all. People all over the country are protesting Proposition 8 which passed in

California banning gay marriage.

The part the outrages many people is that on the same ballot the people voted to pass a bill for the humane treatment of chickens so that they have enough leg room in their coops. So animals have rights but homosexuals don't! That seems to be the part that is just the icing on the cake for some people.

Protests took place in Boston earlier this week and yet this issue wasn't covered on the news, local or otherwise. CNN covered some of the protests that took place in Los Angeles but the fact that these protests are continuing in other parts of the country that didn't even vote on Prop. 8 at all seems to be an

even more newsworthy story to me. Those of you who know me know that I have many friends who are gay and isn't it wrong to tell them that they're not allowed to make the same pledge to the man or woman that they love that straight couples take for granted? The argument that gays would damage the sanctity of marriage for straight couples is very similar in the arguments against interracial relationships and as a society we've been able to overcome this.

In my opinion, I think the bill will be overturned. There has been such outrage over the issue that it's only a matter of time before it makes its way back onto California's

voting ballots. If you really care about this issue my advice would be to contact your local news stations and even 24 hours news channels like CNN have tip lines. If you know of a place where protests are going to be taking place call or e-mail these places and get other people to do the same. The more people that get on board, the harder it will be to ignore. It's the job of the media to report on issues that people care about and if they value this responsibility at all they'll listen to your calls and e-mails.

Whether you agree with me or not I welcome your comments.
So send me feedback back to: wscan-grylberal@gmail.com



Adventures from abroad

ROBERT MCGINNITY
VOICE COLUMNIST

Aloha Westfieldians, As I was talking to a fellow student at Westfield on my laptop, I got the inspiration for this article. I told her that I was going to dinner at a Hawaiian family's house. She wanted to know what kind of food they would be having, Hawaiian or otherwise. It made me realize that there are a lot of Hawaiian delicacies that people from the main land just haven't heard of. So, I compiled a list of 10 foods or dishes commonly eaten on Hawaii.

1. Loco Moco- This dish is a combination of different foods consisting of rice as the bottom

siu hau (pork-filled bun). This can also be found at 7Eleven. It is served hot and is kept in a small oven type contraption on the counter. This is a favorite among people around campus when they go to 7Eleven for a snack. I actually tried this thing the other day and although skeptical, I didn't mind it.

4. Saimin- (Sai rhymes with eye. Min as in minute) Saimin noodles are Chinese in origin, thinner than ramen noodles (which are Japanese in origin) and often found throughout Hawaii. You can even get saimin at McDonalds. Saimin may contain green onion (also called Spring onion or scallion), kamaboko (fish cake), spam, sliced char siu (Chinese roast pork), and fresh shrimp. It can also be served with different types of

Hawaiian has a rice cooker also.

7. Chicken Katsu- This is breaded deep fried chicken cut into 1 inch wide strips. It is a campus favorite among kids in the dorms and people at the Palms where I live, right next to campus. They have it at this place called Munchies next to the Hawaiian Father Dean Dinning Common. It is served with rice and gravy if you want it. I know that because I had a few potatoes left over from a beef stew I made so I made a little journey down to Munchies and asked for some gravy for my bowl of mashed potatoes that brought with me. The lady laughed at me and asked the cook and said sure. I was willing to give them two bucks for it but she didn't expect it and the cook put some Chicken Katsu on my mashed



layer, hamburger on top of the rice with an egg cooked however you want on top of that. That is then covered in gravy. This is a specialty at a place called Cafe 100, where the Loco Moco was invented. It is a very common thing to eat at places all around the island, not just at Cafe 100. There are also different varieties of the Moco. You can have the Chicken Loco, Spam Loco, or the Sumo Loco for example at another place called Ken's House of Pancakes. It is a 24/7 diner and when you order the Sumo Loco they bang a gong and everyone in the place shouts "Sumo!". Although it may not sound appealing, it's very good in my opinion.

2. Musubi- This is a block of rice with your choice of meat, wrapped in flavored, dry seaweed. It's available with spam, Portuguese sausage, chicken katsu, or barbecue chicken. I most commonly see this at 7Eleven, which is about a block away from my apartment complex.

3. Manapua- This is Hawaiian slang for the Chinese food cha

broths.

5. Mahi Mahi- This is a type of fish commonly eaten in Hawaiian compared to in the states. I got Mahi Mahi when I went into downtown Hilo to a place called L & L Barbeque. It was cooked fried golden brown and served with mac salad and rice. That is a side note I should mention: side dishes in Hawaii are much different than in the states. Mac salad is macaroni salad with a creamy sauce. These are the most common sides served with food here. I have adapted to the rice but not so much the mac salad.

6. Chili and Rice- This is a common dish served in the cafeteria or in Hawaiian households. I love chili so this dish is a favorite of mine. It's a good meal if you don't have much money and you want to get full. That is pretty much what all college students want but in Hawaii that is especially true because everything is so expensive. Whenever I go to the supermarket I see people with like 20 pound bags, no lie. Every

potatoes. It single handed made my night.

8. Spam- Spam is a huge favorite with people in Hawaiian. It was hard for me to grasp that fact. I have since opened up my mind and have accepted that they like it. Before I was thought it was gross, and that people were weird for liking it. The reason it is liked more over here is because Spam was introduced to Hawaii a long time ago, was a big hit, and is a cheap meat product. It is commonly put on the rice and wrapped in seaweed as I previously stated. People cook Spam in a variety of ways. It is usually put into a stir fry or combined with something else that I have seen at the place I live.

9. Kalua Pig/Pork- It's pronounced the same as the alcoholic drink called Kahula but there's no Kahula in Kalua pig. The kalua pig is usually the centerpiece of a Hawaiian luau. Though it's traditionally cooked in an "imu", an oven dug into the ground, you can approximate the flavor of kalua pig in your own

EDITOR'S DESK



Thanksgiving is almost here! Best. Holiday. Ever. I don't know about you, but I could use a nice little vacation. On Wednesday I'll be heading home to North Adams to stuff my face, sleep, rinse lather repeat. My dad already gave me the tentative menu, and not to give away any Bunt Family secrets but let's just say three trays of stuffing are involved.

In other news, I got an internship for next semester! I'll be making the drive to Noho about four times a week to pimp out the copy desk at The Daily Hampshire Gazette. Don't worry, don't worry, I'll still be working at The Voice.

OK so last week I tried to stump my buddy Matt with some riddles. He read them and immediately knew that the answers were a towel, Justice of the Peace and a coffin. This week I'm using a riddle that my grampa once stumped me with. Of course I was 10 at the time so, might've seemed harder then.

Two cops walked into a room with no windows and found a dead man who obviously hung himself from the ceiling, though they couldn't figure out how. There was no chair beneath him that he might have jumped off of, or a table. Just a puddle of water. How'd he do it?

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kitchen using liquid smoke flavoring and Hawaiian salt. The flavor is smoky and salty. If you've ever had Mexican carnitas, Kalua pig has a similar texture. This pulled pork like this is tender and juicy. This is the pork that is served all over on the Big Island. It takes the place of any other meat like beef or chicken. It can be served with cabbage or it can be in a Loco Moco instead of the beef patty. I enjoy Kalua Pork and have gotten it a few times.

10. Lau Lau- Last but not least, is Lau Lau. (rhymes with cow-cow, except with an L instead of a C). A lau lau is an authentic Hawaiian entree. It is made with exotic and delicate ingredients starting with either a pork, chicken or vegetable filling, sometimes with a little bit of rich and flavorful butterfish. Each lau lau filling is then individually wrapped in six to seven taro

leaves, also referred to as Hawaiian spinach leaves. Once bundled in its many layers, the lau lau is firmly wrapped and tied inside two taro leaves to form a pouch that seals the moisture and unique flavors of the taro leaves, fillings, and seasonings. Lau laus are pressure cooked in a steamer oven or imu. Like I said before, an imu is an underground oven. When eaten, you must be sure to remove and discard the outer taro leaves. They are only used in the process of steaming the lau laus. They are not edible. Generally you need to add salt and people say that Hawaiian salt is the best. Hope you enjoyed my little list of Hawaiian goodies. Check out the paper next time when I compare WSC to UHH.

Aloha,
"Lopu" McGinnity

EDITOR'S DESK



So we are winding down the semester here at The Voice, and I can't help but feel a little relieved. I think we all could use the break.

Before I went to the Pats game last Thursday, I got a phone call that I had been expecting. It was a call from NESN.com telling me I had been selected for their Spring internship. My first reaction was complete and utter jubilation! I was ecstatic! Speechless! Pumped! It was a my dream come true!

Then a realization came over me that all the hard work had paid off. Everything that I had worked for was finally coming together into one supreme moment. That phone call was that moment. I realized afterwards that now the real work had just begun. NESN.com headquarters is in Watertown. Quite the trek from Westfield. I have promised everyone here at the paper that I will do my best to juggle the workload. I can't leave everyone here high and dry. So for next semester I will do my best to do my duties at NESN and here at The Voice. I just want to thank Colby, Angela, Molly, Cait, Pat, Heithy, Cat, Lynn, Professors Brewster and Layn and everyone on the staff. This staff is fantastic!

This wouldn't be possible without all of your help. Let's keep up the great work into next semester and for years to come.

Until next week.... peace everybody....

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The last eight years were tough for a lot of us. We sat by and watched as the nation was attacked, plunged ourselves into war, and gas prices rocketed to unforseen highs. In fact, America became somewhat of a joke, to itself and the rest of the world, in those eight years. Our government was a circus of colorful, memorable characters who pounded the "we are America, hear us roar" mantra into our brains constantly. Who could forget the likes of Dick "Shotgun" Cheney and of course the often poked at, laughed at President Bush?

But despite all the chants and rants of America this and America that, our leaders failed to do much of anything in regards to more global issues. No, I'm not talking about nuking North Korea, but instead referring to that always present issue of climate change (which I never shut up about, I know, but that is why I'm here). So while the president and his cabinet were too busy with their by-the-second watch of the "terror level," they forgot that, believe it or not, we only get one chance at making this planet Earth thing work. They were given all of the facts

and information about global climate change and how it is a serious issue, one that needs to be addressed immediately, yet chose to back out of signing the Kyoto Protocol due to a lack of "insufficient evidence."

So the rest of the world continued on, starting to implement new policies on preventing climate-related problems, while the U.S. and Australia (guess those Aussies don't want anyone to stunt their development before it really starts to bloom) stayed on the less "progressive" path of doing little to nothing. Considering that the we have caused most of the suffocation our atmosphere is currently experiencing, this is just unacceptable.

Enter President-elect Barack Obama. His election has been a "historic" one (which, despite the quotations, I'm not going to dispute) and he has given every American a reason to be hopeful for the future. During his campaign Obama discussed the issue of climate change and presented potential policies and changes that he wants the country to forego in order to do what those in the past couldn't (or decided not to do). It won't be easy and we are going to have to deal with doing things that might be more costly in the short run than we think is worth it.

For example, some

countries are eager to eject whatever amounts of carbon into the atmosphere they think is necessary to pull them out of poverty and into the more "elite" developed nations such as the U.S. Providing them with alternative power sources, like windmills, is going to be more costly for us. The temptation to bail will be strong at some times, but we have to remember that this the health of the planet we are dealing with. Failure isn't really an option.

President-elect Obama is aware that tough decisions will have to be made and so far he has made it quite clear that he is willing to do what it takes. It is up to us as the individuals who elected him to office to give him our support and trust. In December of 2009 there will be a meeting in Copenhagen to create a follow-up to Kyoto and I'm sure President Obama will be there. It will be his first international meeting for discussion on the topic of climate change. It will also be his first steps toward making America a leader in the issue, something that should have already been done years ago.

(For additional reading, check out Bill McKibben's article "President Obama's Big Climate Challenge" at www.s360.yale.edu/content/feature.msp)

The Freshmen Experience

MARY CAFFERTY
VOICE COLUMNIST



So, the time has almost come for Thanksgiving.

What happened to November? Or, for that matter, October? I don't know about you, but time seems to have a way of slipping away from me and I don't really notice it until it's fluttering by out the window.

It makes me into a fabulous procrastinator.

That's right - procrastination. It's when I put things off until the absolute last moment, rationalizing it by telling myself that I work better under pressure. I'm sure you all know what I mean. But really, I've come to find that I'm most happy when I don't need to rush around at the last minute getting things printed, or staying up all night to study for that important exam.

It takes a lot for me to sit down and just get things done. I'm the kind of person who is easily distracted. A good song, a new e-mail, or an interesting Instant Message conversation has the tendency to send my mind off onto a wonderful tangent adventure. At the end of the day, I close my laptop and wonder what I actually got done.

Very often, the answer is nothing.

I want to let you in on my biggest secret, which isn't really big and isn't really a secret, but with final projects hearing down on us a few weeks down the road, I think you'll find it very helpful. And it is to do things gradually. It's that simple. Figure out what you need to get done, and when it's due, and

break it down into little things you can get done every day. If you work on it piece by piece, you'll find yourself getting things done early. It saves you from a LOT of stress.

It sounds juvenile, I know. But if you have to, make a list. Write it out. It's even easier to figure out what needs to get done if you have a physical list to check off as you get individual tasks completed.

Try it. I promise it will work.

Good luck with finals, and have a happy and safe Thanksgiving break!

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EDITOR'S
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So I have been sick now for over a week and I can't seem to shake it. Regardless, I am just looking forward to Thanksgiving break which is in less than a week.

A reminder, we will not be putting out an issue of the Voice during Thanksgiving break. The next issue will come out on December 5 and the next meeting will be held on December 4th at 7:00pm in Ely 242. As of right now it looks like there will only be two more issues of the paper this semester, as we do not plan on putting out an issue the week of finals as most students will be home for break.

I am going to bed to try and get rid of this cold so everyone have a fun and safe holiday break and a great Thanksgiving.

"Follow your inner moonlight; don't hide the madness."
-Allen Ginsberg

Song of the week: Matt Nathanson - I Saw

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Pop Music Will Never Be Low Brow

JAMES DINH
VOICE REPORTER

As faux and lightweight people may perceive pop music to be, a up and coming artist has a plan to change your mind. "I wanna be that person that funnels that idea through the pop lens and changes what pop music really means for my generation cause somebody shot it in the face. I don't know who but it did. And I want it to come back," said the new comer. That sounds like a pretty bold statement but with a spin at her debut album, the buzz she may be quite worth it.

The 22-year old, who hails from New York, goes by the name of Lady Gaga. And in a year that has been consumed by a tire-some Timbaland formula, Gaga combines her cinematic style, electronica infused beats, and addicting choruses to create her debut album, "The Fame". On the disk's first single, "Just Dance", Gaga sings of the casual club night where you go out with your friends, get absolutely wasted, and ... just dance. Produced by RedOne, the song's synth driven beat and head nodding bass compliments Gaga's command on the track. Also lending a hand on the track's vocals include fellow label mate Colby O'Donnis and rapper Akon.

Stand out track, "Poker Face", is absolutely infectious with Gaga's gritty vocals and dynamic beat. Gaga sings in close tempo with the bass and makes

great use of a voice stutter throughout the chorus. Lyrics are mindless but there's something that grabs listeners in to make this complete car candy.

"LoveGame" is just the same. It's electrifying, sassy, and playful. Gaga's use of synth plays a vital part in these tracks as much of her music.

"Paparazzi" finds Lady Gaga singing about a crush of whom she likes, adores, and hey might even stalk. The midtempo track showcases a clearer perception of Gaga's vocals and has the singer comparing her affection for her crush to that of the

lover. With a free flowing and breezy melody, Gaga evokes a mixture of regret and closure in her voice. "Not that I don't care about you/ That things got so complicated/ I met somebody cute and funny/ Got each other and that's funny," she sings confidently in the second verse. Whether it's on tracks like "Starstruck" or "Boys, Boys, Boys", there is just something present, inadvertently or not, that makes the melody and overall song catchy. But "The Fame" does stall on tracks such as "I Like It Rough" or "Brown Eyes" where she takes on a ballad that



celebrity paparazzi. "I'm your biggest fan/ I'll follow you until you love me/ Papa-paparazzi/ Baby there's no other superstar/ You know that I'll be you/ Papa-paparazzi" she sings in the chorus. Sure, it's a cheesy analogy but how can you not be flattered by the irony? "Beautiful, Dirty, Rich" sounds like it could take aim at the entire female cast of "The Hills". With funky piano riffs and a bouncy drum set, Gaga sings about the everlasting lifestyles of the young, rich, and famous who rely on their daddies for money and support.

"Eh, Eh (Nothing Else I Can Say)", talks about a former

takes pop to a whole new level but not because of the great production, slick electro-pop beats, or lyrical arrangements but actual talent. As one that writes and plays a key role in the creation of her music, she deserves all the success she gets. Her innovative approach to infusing culture, fashion, and performing skills at New York's underground club scene is all a part of what Lady Gaga brings to the table in the pop stratosphere and hopefully will be what sustains a long term career.

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Top 10 movies you've probably never seen

MATTHEW CASTONGUAY
VOICE COLUMNIST

This past weekend, in an effort to ignore the tornado watches streaming across the bottom of the television set in

this hilarious, but relatively unknown comedy by director Herbert Ross.

9. "Monster Squad" (1987) - This HBO movie from the late 80's is actually a fantastic Halloween flick that's not too scary and kind of funny. When some kids discover that Dracula

(Bette Midler) and wants nothing more than to be rid of her. When Stone screws over a young couple (Jude Reinhold, Helen Slater), they kidnap Mrs. Stone and hold her for ransom. The bumbling folly of these "ruthless people" is just hilarious. Also, look for UMass Amherst grad Bill Pullman in one of his best (all be it, smallest) roles as Earl Mott.

6. "Excess Baggage" (1997) - The cast in this film is unbelievable, and the movie itself is terribly underrated. Benicio Del Toro stars as a car thief who accidentally steals the green BMW Beamer that has some unexpected cargo inside. Alicia Silverstone, Christopher Walken, Harry Connick, Jr. and Nicholas Tururo co-star in this funny, creative comedic love story. It is one of Del Toro's most underrated performances. You know what, when it comes to this movie, don't even bother renting it, buy it. You can pick it up for less than \$5 at Wal-Mart and I promise you you'll love it.

5. "Raising Arizona" (1987) - Although it is written and directed by the two time Academy Award winning directors Ethan and Joel Coen, Raising Arizona never seems to get the accolades it truly deserves. Nicolas Cage and Holly Hunter kick ass as the McDunnough family, in the first of the Coen brothers line of hysterical, well thought out comedies. No one pays attention to this one because of the success of The Big Lebowski and most recently Burn After Reading, but Raising Arizona is just as good a film as those two are, and worth you're \$5.00 at Blockbuster to check it out. "I'll be taking these Huggies and, uh, whatever cash you may have." Haha, classic.

4. "I Love You to Death" (1990) - If this movie doesn't make you laugh, you're incapable of doing so. "I Love You to Death" is one of the funniest movies I have ever seen and makes me laugh every time. Kevin Kline shows again why he is one of the most talented actors around in a role that is nearly as good as his Oscar winning role in A Fish Called Wanda. Heather Graham, River Phoenix, Keanu Reeves (He's actually good in this, I was surprised) provide an excellent supporting cast in this hilarious film, inspired by a true story about infidelity and (attempted) murder. "With these people trying to kill him, Joey Bocca may just live forever."

3. "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" (1999) - Guy Ritchie's 1999 masterpiece is one of those title's you hear all the time and for good reason. The movie you've heard of but have never seen, needs to quickly get off that list. "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" is one of the best movies you'll ever see if you're into comedy,

violence and action. It is brilliantly written with well-developed characters and a phenomenal cast, which I never thought I'd say about anything with Jason Statham in it. I really don't want to say anything about the plot because I don't want to give anything away. The film is brilliant in nearly every way, and includes a fantastic cameo by Sing, as J.D. the bar owner, and father of one of the characters. "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" is the best movie I've seen this year and, as soon as you get out there and rent it, you'll agree with me.

2. "True Romance" (1993) - Now, I know it sounds like a chick flick, but I promise you, this movie is badass. Written by Quentin Tarantino and directed by Tony Scott, "True Romance" is for all intents and purposes, Tarantino for Dummies. The cast is a veritable who's who of Hollywood, and includes Christian Slater, Patricia Arquette, Christopher Walken, Dennis Hopper, Brad Pitt, Gary Oldman, James Gandolfini, Val Kilmer, Samuel L. Jackson, Tom Sizemore and Chris Penn. The film has all the signs of a classic Tarantino picture, but follows the normal path from beginning to end (hence Tarantino for Dummies) rather than jumping all over the place like in "Pulp Fiction." "True Romance" has enough great scenes and quotable lines to keep you watching and will have you watching over and over again. It's the kind of movie you rent because some idiot (ME!) told you to, with every intention of returning it only to receive a call from Blockbuster telling you, you need to come down and buy it because it's four months past due.

1. "Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang"

(2005) - "Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang" is, I promise you, the funniest, smartest film you will ever see. Shane Black (I told you he'd be on this list again) hits a home run with this piece of work. Robert Downey Jr. stars as Harry Lockhart, a small-time crook who accidentally stumbles first into an acting career, then onto a murder mystery. With the help of "Gay Perry" (Val Kilmer) and his long lost dream girl Harmony Faith Lane (Michelle Monaghan) Harry tries to get to the bottom of the case without getting himself killed. Regardless of the attention he received for writing the "Lethal Weapon" movies, make no mistake, "Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang" is Shane Black's masterpiece, and it is a crying shame it doesn't get more acclaim. Even Peter Travers of "Rolling Stone" enjoyed it and gave it a favorable review, and that guy shits on everybody. The point is that this movie is one for any collection, whether you love comedies, mysteries, action movies or just looking at Michelle Monaghan. Not only is it the funniest movie you've never seen, but it is my all-time favorite movie.

There you have it, that's the list. There were a few that didn't quite make the grade, like "Mafia" starring Jay Mohr and any of the pretentious Wes Anderson comedies out there, but I didn't put them on the list because I figure you either love or hate Wes Anderson movies (I love 'em) and if you've seen one, you've seen all or most of them. Hopefully you'll take to heart some of the selections I've made and frequent your local Blockbuster next time the campus movie channel is playing Last Holiday or some other stupid ass movie for the 300th time that day.



New Hall 311, because everyone knows full well that nothing those ass-backwards weather buffoons ever predict or warn us about ever happens. Jeff Dale and I watched Guy Ritchie's 1999 masterpiece, "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" which we rented from Blockbuster earlier that evening. This was the second movie I had recommended to Jeff which he loved, so he suggested I do a column selecting a few of my favorites that you may or may not have seen. The smart money is that you haven't seen most of these and that you'll enjoy every second of them when you do. And you will, if you know what's good for you. Just kidding, enjoy them at your leisure. Anyway, without further ado, here's my list of 10 movies you should run out and rent from Blockbuster or pirate on your laptop.

10. "My Blue Heaven" (1990) - In this comedy, Steve Martin is a gangster and Rick Moranis is a Federal Agent, and they're both wildly hysterical in this movie. When Vinnie Anonelli (Martin) witnesses a murder, he is put in the witness protection agency, where he is monitored by Barney Coopersmith (Moranis) who can barely keep himself in order, let alone keep track of the Wylie mobster. Joan Cusack also stars

is not only alive, but hell-bent on ruling the world, it's up to this group of kids, the Monster Squad, to stop him. Co-written by Shane Black, it was his second ever writing endeavor after Lethal Weapon and his first of two selections on my list.

8. "The Chase" (1994) - You've probably seen this movie if you have cable television, but that doesn't mean you ever think about it when naming off good movies. It is often times on FX, FOX when a baseball game is rained out or Bud Selig suspends a game or something, and sometimes on Comedy Central. Charlie Sheen is Jack Hammond, a small-time crook who bites off more than he can chew when he accidentally kidnaps billionaire heiress Natalie Voss (Kristy Swanson) and takes her on a high speed pursuit to Mexico. Anthony Kiedis and Flea from Red Hot Chili Peppers also have small roles as monster truck drivers Dale and Will. The music in this film is f-ing terrible, but the rest of it is pretty entertaining, if you can get the agitating drum machine music out of your head afterwards.

7. "Ruthless People" (1986) - I love this movie. Not only is it one of the best you've never seen, but one of my all-time favorites. Danny DeVito stars as Sam Stone, a vile business man, who hates his wife



Pedroia wins American League MVP award

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Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia has collected his fair share of hardware in his brief, two-year career and this past Tuesday, the scrappy second baseman took home the most important individual award.

Pedroia was named AL MVP on Tuesday, becoming the first Red Sox second baseman to win the award in the team's history and first Red Sox player to win since Mo Vaughn took home the trophy in 1995.

Pedroia, who won his first Gold Glove and Silver Slugger awards earlier this month, took home his first MVP award by beating out Minnesota's Justin Morneau who finished second in the voting, and teammate Kevin

Youkilis who finished third. Pedroia got 16 of the 28 first-place votes while becoming the first AL second baseman to win the award since Nellie Fox in 1959. Five players drew first-place votes including record-setting closer Francisco Rodriguez of the Los Angeles Angels who finished sixth overall.

Pedroia's numbers aren't those of a typical MVP, having batted .326 with 17 home runs and 83 RBIs; however, he did establish single-season

franchise records by a second baseman for runs, hits, doubles, batting average, total bases, and extra-base hits. His production down the stretch for the Red Sox

playoffs.

The MVP talk began stirring for Pedroia when he stepped into the cleanup spot for a five-game period in which

runs, seven RBIs, and six runs scored. He batted .345 with an OPS of .949 in the second half, and in August and September, he batted a combined .353 with a .995 OPS.

Pedroia joins Cal Ripken Jr. and Ryan Howard in an elite club as the only three players to win the Rookie of the Year award and Most Valuable Player award in back-to-back seasons. Pedroia won the American League Rookie of the Year award in 2007 as well as his first World Series ring when the Red Sox defeated the Colorado Rockies in the 2007 World Series.

Albert Pujols of the St. Louis Cardinals took home the award for the National League, the second time he has won the NL MVP in his career.

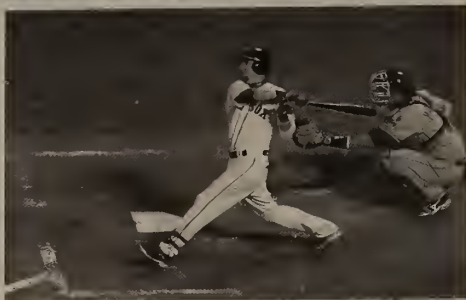


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is what put him over the top, having almost single-handedly carried the Red Sox into the

Youkilis was sidelined and he produced, hitting .667 (12-18) with four doubles, two home

Nichols nips Westfield State, 3-1

The Nichols College men's ice hockey team ran its win streak to four games with a 3-1 win over Westfield State Sunday evening at June R. Levy rink. The Bison held a 1-0 lead after two periods, and potted a pair of goals less than a minute apart in the third period, sparked by senior Ryan Gervais' (Chicago, Ill.) first tally of the season.

Jeff Bieber (Littleton, Colo.) put Nichols (4-0-0, 2-0-0 ECACNE) on the board with a power-play goal at 8:25 of the middle frame. Andrew Ella (Schomberg, Ont.) passed the puck from the top of the right circle to Jolo Bojanowski (Washington Township, Mich.) at the left point. Bojanowski snapped the puck to Bieber, who fired

a slapshot from the center Gervais, who was planted at the netfront, oriented a centering pass from behind the net by Zeke Costello (Shelby Township, Mich.) for a 2-0 lead at 4:46 of the third.

Will Munson (Corona, Calif.) struck just 54 seconds later with his fourth goal of the season when he tipped in Cole Ruwe's (Pekin, Ill.) shot from the high slot. Ella was credited with the second assist.

Westfield State (1-1-1, 1-1-0 ECACNE) prevented the shutout with 17.7 seconds remaining in the game when Dennis Zak (Dover, N.J.) one-timed a centering pass from behind the net by Mike Muolo (Stoneham, Mass.). Dave

Ciminelli (Coppell, Texas) slipped Muolo the puck from the right circle to earn the second assist.

Keith Fink (Easton, Md.) made 20 saves in his fourth win of the season, while Ian Wilson (Tulsa, Okla.) stopped 32 shots in his first loss; he stands at 1-1 on the year.

The Bison held a 35-21 shot advantage, and went 1-for-4 on the power play while holding the Owls 0-for-4 with the man advantage.

Nichols is back in action at Worcester State on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m., while the Owls host Salve Regina at 8:15 p.m. Friday.

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Amelia Park next to Big Y

A conversation with Rugby Club President, Charlie Bain Interview by Angela Bunt

I recently sat down with Charlie Bain, a 21-year-old junior at Westfield State College. Bain, who has only been a student at Westfield for a semester, said he originally transferred here for the school's wrestling program. "I missed rugby so I started it."

How long have you been interested in rugby?

I played rugby at Framingham State College and I've been watching rugby for God knows how long. I was a hooker and a flanker [at Framingham State] and I helped restart it when the program fell apart.

What inspired you to start a

rugby team at WSC?

I was talking to my friends from Framingham State and they were talking about rugby. I was like, 'shoot, I'd like to play rugby again.' I talked to Barbara Hand and she told me I needed to make a constitution [ed. note: a constitution is a document that states the purpose and rules of a club]. I was originally going to start a men's rugby team but Bruce Jackson told me I had to allow girls. I'm going to start a girls team with it because it's stupid to have girls practicing and not play. I've been trying to get numbers while we're waiting for coaches to apply.

So how do I join?

We meet Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at Stanley Park from 4-6 pm. You'll see us, we're the guys throwing the rugby balls. Bring a shirt that if it rips you won't cry. If you have cleats bring those and sports shorts. And I'd suggest a hat. We also meet Mondays at 6:30 pm in Ely 130 for a business meeting. Right now we have an event proposed called Rent-a-Rugger. On move out day you can rent a rugger to help you move out. It's 10 dollars an hour, 15 for two ruggers. It still needs approval.

Anything else you'd like to tell us?

You don't need experience to play. And I want to thank Todd Ditmar, Dick Lenfest, Barbara Hand and the Springfield Riflemen for all their help.

Join the Westfield State College Rugby Football Union Facebook group for more information.



FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

Another page of sports history was written this past Sunday in Miami, FL, but the smart money says that very few people were actually watching as Jimmie Johnson joined the rare fraternity of Champions, teams and athletes who have three-peaked in their sport. It happened once before in NASCAR, when Cale Yarborough won three in a row from 1976-1978 but other than that, has never happened.

In the NBA, there have been five three-peaks. Michael Jordan's Bulls twice, the Celtics won eight in a row from 1959-1966, the Minneapolis Lakers in 1952, 1953 and 1954 and most recently, Shaq and Kobe's Los Angeles Lakers from 2000-2002.

In Major League Baseball, a three-peat has only occurred four times. The New York Yankees have done it as a team three times. They won four in a row from 1936 to 1939, five in a row from 1949 to 1953, and most recently from 1998 to 2000. The only other team to accomplish the feat was the Oakland Athletics from 1972 to 1974.

The NHL has seen its

share of three-peaks. The Toronto Maple Leafs won three straight from 1947 to 1949, the Montreal Canadiens won five in a row from '56 to '60. The Leafs won three Stanley Cups in a row from 1962 to 1964 and then the Canadians won four in a row from 1976 to 1979 and most recently, the New York Islanders, won four in a row from 1980 to 1983.

The NFL has never seen a team win three straight Super Bowls, though the Green Bay Packers won the NFL title three consecutive times from 1929 to 1931, then won the final NFL title in 1965 and the first two Super Bowls in '66 and '67, giving them, technically, two three-peaks.

The point I'm trying to make here is that three-peaking isn't easy, and not something which should be ignored or given less attention because it wasn't accomplished in one of the four major sports. Jimmie Johnson and his Hendrick Motorsports team has quietly dominated the NASCAR Sprint Cup series for the last three years, each season taking the title in a different fashion. This

year, the team started off terribly, finishing 27th in the Daytona 500 and struggling consistently until about the 10th week of the season.

Jimmie Johnson turned his season around and won four times during the first 26 races, good for third most on the circuit behind Carl Edwards 6 and Kyle Busch's eight, and made the Chase. (Figuring none of you actually pay attention to NASCAR, the Chase is a playoff format for the final 10 races of the Sprint Cup season which eliminates all but the top 12 in regular season points. The top 12 drivers are all separated by 10 points [i.e. 1st place is given 5000pts, second 4900, third 4800, etc.]).

In the Chase, Johnson was the model of consistency, winning three times in the last 10 races and posting an average finish of 4.1 in the final 10 events, giving him a nearly insurmountable lead which he held all the way to the checkered flag this past Sunday night.

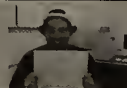
What makes Johnson's feat even more impressive is simply because of how long the NASCAR Sprint

Cup series season is. It lasts 40 weeks from February to November. To put that into perspective, we're only 89 days away from their opening Day, the Daytona 500, while we are still 140 days from Major League Baseball's opening day. To be that consistent and perform that well week in, week out is simply incredible. If anyone wants to know how difficult it is to sustain that kind of performance, you don't have to look much further than Kyle Busch, who dominated the first 26 races, winning eight times, but struggled mightily in almost all of the last 10 races and stumbled to a 10th place finish in the final standings. Or even the guy who finished second to Johnson by 69 points, Carl Edwards, who won nine times during the year, as well as three times in the Chase.

Another thing to look at is the car. In 2006 when Johnson won his first title, NASCAR was still using the old model car. In 2007, the sport phased in the new COT (Car of Tomorrow, designed with safety first in mind) racing it in half the events and the old model in the other half. Most teams struggled

to adapt to the new car, but Jimmie Johnson and Hendrick Motorsports were ahead of the curve and helped Johnson to the title. And this year, when NASCAR went to the COT full time, the team was well-prepared going into speedweeks in Daytona.

The fact that in the 60 years of NASCAR-sanctioned racing, that it has only happened once before now, should be evidence enough of just how extremely difficult winning three in a row is. Unfortunately, NASCAR gets written off as a redneck hobby and people disregard it as a sport, and therefore, accomplishments like that of Jimmie Johnson don't receive attention they deserve. It really says a lot about how important or how much of an accomplishment three consecutive NASCAR Sprint Cup titles are to people, when an NFL tie between the Bengals and Eagles comes first on Sportscenter. Hopefully some people understand that Jimmie Johnson's three-peat is just as impressive as any of those mentioned earlier by any sports team.



Bruins making leap to NHL's elite

CRAIG NARDINI
SPORTS REPORTER

One word can sum up the reason why the Boston Bruins rank second in the Eastern Conference and first in the Northeast Division: depth. The Bruins boast four very solid lines that have contributed in different ways and at different times so far during the young season.

The Bruins carry a record of 11-3-4 and hold the best record since Oct. 28th, going an astonishing 9-1-1 during that span. With an extremely loaded schedule that included the bulk of the first 10 games on the road against Western Conference powerhouses and many back to back tilts, coach Claude Julien has had to rely on everyone. The Bruins arguably have the best three centers in the game depth wise, with Marc Savard, Patrice Bergeron, and David Krejci down the middle. Savard is the top point producer with 21 points, while Bergeron and Krejci continuously play strong two-way hockey. Youngsters Phil Kessel, Milan

Lucic, and Blake Wheeler have played tough hockey looking more like veterans than a pair of early 20 year-olds and a teenager. Kessel leads the team with eight goals with Wheeler behind him with six. Everyone knows what Lucic brings to the table, tied for the league lead in hits, his intensity is second to none. Lucic taught Mike Komersarck of the Montreal Canadiens a lesson when Lucic pummeled him repeatedly. Teaching him not to start something he can't finish.

The defense remains steady and has contributed to the offense as well, something that was unheard of last season. Dennis Wideman has helped the offense with nine points and captain Zdeno Chaba registers just two behind with seven. The likes of Aaron Ward, Shane Hnidy, Marc Stuart, and the called-up stand in for Andrew Ference, Matt Hunwick have all played tough physical defensive hockey keeping opposing teams trapped in the neutral zone, unable to break into the Bruins defensive zone.

However, look no further than the goalending duo of Tim Thomas and the resurgent Manny Fernandez as the reasons

why the Bruins are seven games over 500. Thomas, the number-one net minder, has played above and beyond expectations once again. At 7-2-3 and an amazing 1.78 GAA, Thomas has played well every single start. A holder of two shutouts so far, Thomas currently ranks third amongst goalies in all-star voting for someone that was left off the ballot to begin with.

Fernandez, who missed most of last season with a knee injury, is starting to play like the goalie who was in Minnesota prior to the trade that brought him to Boston. In his limited action he is 4-1-1 with a 2.31 GAA, including the huge win over Montreal. He may be trade-bait in the upcoming future but for now the Bruins have the best tandem in the game.

In a season where there have been very few topics of concern early on, there is only one player that has disappointed thoroughly. The former Canadian and 4 million-dollar slug-man and leech of the Bruins salary cap, Michael Ryder. He was signed to bolster an anemic offense and has only contributed three goals while looking invisible during some games and look-



Lucic taking Komersarck to school in last Thursday's statement game against the Habs. bostonrinkrats.com

ing as slow as a slug in the games when you may catch him out of the corner of your eye. The slow-moving, over-paid, predicted goal scorer is on pace for a dismal 14 goals and a less than respectful 46 points.

Beyond the Ryder situation, the Bruins have looked as good as any team in the NHL through the first part of the season. There has been a resurgence

of popularity in Boston and a buzz that includes the die-hards as well as bandwagons about the local hockey team on Causeway Street. The statement game against Montreal in which they destroyed the hated Habs 6-1 shows this team can compete with anyone on any given night. As one hockey blogger said, "The Bruins are officially back."

The Man, the Myth, the Legend: Axl Rose Finally Unveils Chinese Democracy

FRANNY ZUPANCIC
VOICE REPORTER

On Sunday, November 23rd, Guns N' Roses fans around the world will be in much awe as Boston sports fans were when the Red Sox won the World Series. After thirteen years of hard work, perfectionism, business disagreements, and other delays, Guns N' Roses fans have longed to hear it: Chinese Democracy is finally being released.

An album release of this magnitude is bound to be under the microscope by critics and will be met with tons of skepticism, but the album really lives up to the hype, if you are able to understand the fact that it is NOT Appetite for Destruction II, nor is it Use Your Illusion III. Many fans and skeptics are expecting a rehash of the old classics, but this is anything but. It's a whole new step in the evolution of the musical and artistic vision of Axl Rose.

The album begins with Chinese Democracy, the first single, with a slow building intro with raw "Smells Like Teen Spirit" drums, guitar riffs, and a trademark Axl scream, as if he were waking up after a long nap

and telling the world that he's back and better than ever. The song has no real hook, but it doesn't need one. It's a good intro to the album but isn't one of the better tracks.

One song that is better, however, is coincidentally titled "Better" and has a sing-song falsetto intro by Axl: "no one ever told me when I was alone, they just thought I knew better," and turns into a modern alternative rock song. Eventually, Axl gets angry, and the song has an edgy industrial grunge breakdown with a ton of classic Axl screams.

The album crosses many genres and blends bits and pieces of familiar styles into something that is completely unfamiliar. The song "Sorry" sounds like a collaboration between Ozzy Osbourne and David Gilmour covering a John Lennon song.

Those familiar with the leaked demos that have been in circulation on the internet for the past year or so will be amazed at how much a difference minor changes and additions can make to a song. "The Blues" has had its title changed to "Street of Dreams" and sounds better than ever, thanks to the addition of strings and other layers. The same can be said about "Catcher

in the Rye," another mellow ballad, which has been updated with depth and layering of guitar tracks and a more complex drum beat.

"If the World" has been updated as well, with a Spanish guitar solo, and a chugging, funky drum beat, with a wah-guitar track. "This I Love" is a beautiful, slow piano ballad that sounds like it could be part of a Broadway show. The song "Scraped" features an acapella intro of a "chorus of Axl's," strangely channeling old do-wop styles and almost sounding like it wouldn't sound out of place on a Christina Aguilera album—but it works. However, the song proves to be a bit more aggressive than that, turning into an explosive song of rebellion, and as Axl says, "Don't you try to stop us now," it's apparent that Axl is back and here to stay.

"There Was a Time" and "Madagascar" are the real artistic highlights of the album. "There Was a Time" is a near autobiographical trip back in time with the grandeur and power of November Rain but in a completely new way. In "Madagascar," Axl sings, "I won't be told anymore, that I've been brought down in this storm, and left so far out from the shore, that I can't find my way

back, my way anymore," and it sounds like a response of defiance towards all who have doubted him. Even though this song was debuted on TV on the 2002 MTV Video Music Awards—six years before its official release—Axl proves that it's "never too late." The song may remind classic Guns fans of Use Your Illusion II's "Civil War," as it includes samples from the movie "Cool Hand Luke" and also Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech.

A good analogy for the revolution and evolution of Axl's vision is the difference between the Beatles' eras of music. Fans of the "British invasion" Beatles records may or may not like the sound of Abbey Road or Revolver, just as fans of the "Sunset Strip invasion" era of Appetite for Destruction may or may not like the current release, as it is the most "out there" album yet. As with the Beatles' phases, each stage is excellent in unique in its own ways, and true fans will be able to appreciate it all in the proper perspective. While there will always be a never-ending debate about which album is better, there is no



debate that this is easily the best rock record released in recent years, in an era where mediocrity tops the charts.

Come and find out for yourself on November 23rd, and be sure to take Dr. Pepper up on their infamous free soda offer: "The soft drink company says it will give a free can of Dr Pepper to 'everyone in America' if 'Chinese Democracy' arrives anytime during the calendar year 2008." According to MTV.com, at 12:01 AM on November 23rd, anyone in America can apply for a coupon for a free 20-oz Dr Pepper in the mail. The offer will be open for exactly 24 hours.



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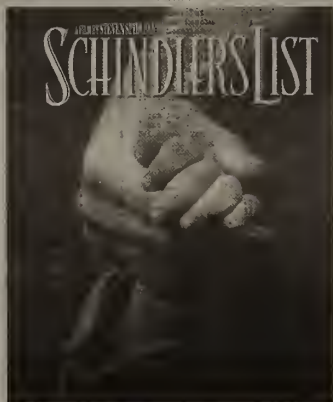
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Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

This is when you need to make absolute sure that you are being fairly compensated for your efforts and actions. If not, then it's time to move on toward greener pastures or projects. The best part of this transit is that it causes your personality to shine in the area of communication.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

It is very important to your long term future that you maintain the confidence needed to be as original as possible. The universe needs your talents, abilities and the qualities of your sign to shine as brightly as possible and to help show others the way.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

You currently have the gift. That means you'll be able to pick up the feelings and vibes of just about anyone. This makes it super important to consider carefully what your actions might be. Making sure you are not being overly influenced by the vibes you are picking up from others.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

There's a new life and direction calling out to you. This energy requires you to rise above your ruts, routines and habits and be more willing to see the world and its opportunities from a brand new perspective. You'll find even the slightest efforts will bring dramatic results.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

You need to understand one very important fact. You have been selected by the universe to rise up to a higher position of honor and leadership. Because of this, you had better understand that you are being held to higher standards than others.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

Your chart energy and long term prosperity will be determined by how willing you are to have an open mind and to consider all possible answers and solutions. Very often this can cause you to travel or to experience strange and cool new encounters with others who can re-inspire or motivate you onward.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

Your chart is being directed at unleashing the beautiful and unbridled passions and desires from within you. With chart energy like this, this is going to cause a lot of relationship actions and it's very likely many Cancers will find themselves becoming parents nine months from now as a result of this transit.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

Your week and overall chart direction is guiding you toward doing what's necessary to find the right and working level of balance in your relationships and interactions with others. You would be wise to remain humble and listen to the ideas and suggestions from others.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 23)

This sign is highlighting the workplace. This is going to bring about many changes and can lead you toward changing jobs or obtaining higher positions of honor and authority. Being prepared and organized to accomplish your mission is the best plan you can have.

Libra

(September 24 - October 23)

This new life phase has the promise and potential to bring a lot more fun and excitement into your life. Chart energy like this often indicates new love and romance activities. Very often new relationships are formed under these conditions.

Scorpio

(October 24 - November 22)

Your chart energy is asking you to stop what you're doing and consider what effects your words and actions will have upon your long term future. Consider closely what others are saying but be sure to check and verify the facts.

Sagittarius

(November 21 - December 23)

The key to your inner vitality and spark is your ability to interact with and inspire others to learn more and to experience even more of what life has to offer. Obviously at some point you'll be required to communicate back to others the higher lessons learned along your path. Keep the mood light.

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The wind tunnel that is Westfield State College

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11/21

Intramurals
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Parenzo GymLAFE Party!
10:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Ely Main LoungeBrown Bag Bingo
11:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Ely Main Lounge

Sat

11/22

Sabbath Service
9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Chapel UpstairsIntramurals
12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Parenzo GymHouse Bunny
8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Ely Main Lounge

Sun

11/23

Mass
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. &
4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Interfaith CenterIntramurals
12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Parenzo GymHouse Bunny
8:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Ely Main Lounge

Mon

11/24

Intramurals
6:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Parenzo GymIntramurals
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
TurfMonday Evening Jazz
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Ely Main Lounge

Tue

11/25

Intramurals
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Parenzo GymIntramurals
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
TurfJewish Students Organization
6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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Wed

11/26

Rugby Club
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
WoodwardCourt 3Intramurals
10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Parenzo GymIntramurals
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Turf

Thu

11/27

Happy Thanksgiving!!!

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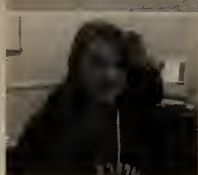
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Student of the Week



Stats: Caylin Henderson, 18, Freshman from Spencer, Mass.

Major: Undeclared

What is your favorite 90's TV Show?
Rugrats

If you could have any super power what would it be?
The ability to fly around the world

If you won the lottery what are the first three things you would buy?

I would buy Forver 21, a new cat, and bring my family and friends on a two-week vacation to the Caribbean.

What's your favorite food?
Reese's Peanut Butter Cups

If you could sleep with one famous person who would it be?

Alex Gaskarth

If you could change one thing about campus what would it be?

Freshmen should be allowed to have cars so I don't have to use my brother's

If you could get only one thing for Christmas what would it be?

A new snowboard

If you want to be the Westfield State College Student of the Week, or want to submit a friend as Student of the Week, email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

Holocaust survivor Joseph Korzenik speaks to WSC

JEFF DALE

Co-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

WESTFIELD- Holocaust survivor Joseph Korzenik spoke to the Westfield State College community last Tuesday for an event sponsored by the college's Jewish Student Organization. The event was held in Scanlon Banquet Hall where Korzenik spoke, after which the film "Schindler's List" was shown.

Korzenik opened the night off by trying to connect to the college crowd.

"I'm going to be speaking to you as a teenager, not as a grandfather," Korzenik said.

Korzenik, who has been studying the Holocaust for over 60 years, told the audience about living in the small Polish town of Barigo in 1939. He said that about half the town's population of 8,000 was Jewish.

"As a surviving witness to the Holocaust I wish to share with you some of my experiences," Korzenik said. "As I lived and suffered through those

cruel 68 month in Poland and Germany, in which one-third of the Jewish nation was murdered."

He went on to explain the difficulty of reliving the events of the past.

"How can you explain this to normal people?"

Korzenik said. "Normal people can not digest an abnormal way of life."

Korzenik used analogies to try to get students to better understand his past.

"Picture yourself in a fire and you're taking your last breath. What goes through your mind? And then you're pulled out by the fireman, and you're brought back to life. They ask you: how did it feel? How [are] you going to explain it?"

Korzenik said that the reason for the Holocaust was the same reason Anti-Semitism still exists today.

"This world is built on lies, in case you didn't know it," he said. "The Christian World had decided that we had no right to live, because we killed their God."



Korzenik and Dobelle Tuesday night. Photo by Angela Bunt

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Bringing the world to WSC: The MaCIE Conference

EILEEN FOYLE
VOICE REPORTER

On the afternoon of November 21st, I sat at a table with the whole world in front of me. Ghana, Cambodia, Lebanon, Kenya, Haiti and Puerto Rico were some of the countries the students I interacted with were from. These international students took turns discussing the different programs their current Massachusetts colleges have for them throughout the school year. I feverishly took notes.

The conference I attended with nine other faculty and staff from Westfield State was the 17th annual fall conference of MaCIE - the Massachusetts Council on

International Education - founded several decades ago as a forum for the international education and study abroad programs of the state colleges, the community colleges, and the state universities of the Commonwealth. MaCIE's purpose is to develop and enhance higher education's knowledge and appreciation of international cultures and issues. (More information on MaCIE can be found at www.fsc.edu/intled/macie/html). WSC President Dobelle was the invited keynote speaker, and he presented statistics and other facts on the topic of "global playing fields." Bringing the world to Westfield and Westfield to the world is one of his stated priorities. With his recent three week trip to Asia he

gathered much information to help make his goal possible, and his address touched on a number of issues affecting international education now and in the future.

Going to the MaCIE conference gave this WSC student and staff members more information from other Massachusetts schools that already have international students and programs in place. We each went to different sessions pertaining to our own interests. Topics covered included English as a second language, international responses to world situations, crisis intervention for students at risk both at home and abroad, initial adjustments, new geographic trends in international education, liabilities of short term

trips, and an international student programming roundtable.

With the information we all gathered both from the sessions and in conversations with people from the other schools, we gained a wealth of knowledge to help in the recruitment, orientation and programming of international students coming to Westfield State. The Special Committee on International Programs here at WSC has been working hard to bring students to the world through the recent J-term programming and the existing Study Abroad program. MaCIE and other institutions of Massachusetts can now begin to help us bring the world, and all of its different cultures, to our campus and city.

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Dobelle, Korzenik and members of the Jewish Student Organization (JSO) eat dinner before Korzenik's talk. Photo by Angela Bunt.

HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR CONTINUED..

"Stupidity? You bet your life!

Korzenik went on to tell stories of some of more horrible things done to people. He said that he remembered a German soldier once tossing an infant in the air and using it for target practice.

He also said he remembered two German soldiers taking turns beating an old defenseless man to death.

"People have asked me why didn't you defend yourselves?" Korzenik said. "We were not soldiers, we were men of 'The Book.'"

Korzenik ended the night with a question and answer session, in which he told the crowd not to hold back.

"I'm going to let you ask any question you want. Even if you feel like you're going to hit me below the belt. Please do so."

No one hit him below the belt, but he did end the night with a statement about hate.

"Next time you hate someone please look in the mirror, because you will see the person who hurts and suffers."

"Anyone who hates is stupid in my book, because you pay the price. You claim you love yourself? No! When you hate, you hate yourself, because it takes a lot out of you."

Westfield State graduate receives national award for student leadership

CRAIG PHELON
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

Westfield State College graduate Sarah E. Odachowski won this year's National Education Association (NEA) Student Program Outstanding State Student Leader Award.

Odachowski was chosen from six nominees from across the country. "She beat out leaders from state affiliates with much larger state student programs," said Kimberly Anderson, an organizational specialist with the NEA in Washington, D.C. "We are very proud of her."

Odachowski, formerly of Norwood, graduated from Westfield State in May with a degree in education and liberal studies. She represented Massachusetts on the NEA Advisory Committee of Student Members for two years. Odachowski now is employed as a second grade teacher at the Parklawn Elementary School in Fairfax County, Va.

The NEA award recognizes an individual who has achieved excellence throughout the year by providing leadership to the State Student Program.

"Our recent graduate, Sarah Odachowski, was a fantastic leader on campus and we were very pleased to see her recognized on a national level," Evan S. Dobelle, president of Westfield State College, said. "We are sure she will be a great asset to the field of education and wish her a bright future."

"I was honestly very shocked that I won the award," Odachowski said. "The other state leaders I was up against were amazing. I was completely honored to have received it because I have seen some of the leaders who have won it in the past and I was always amazed at all the hard work they did."

Odachowski credited her involvement with the Advisory Committee for her success. "Being involved on the national level definitely helped me bring different ideas and programs back to the state and local level, so I believe that helped me to win the award," she said.

Odachowski cited an "Outreach to Teach" project that she spearheaded as her most gratifying accomplishment at the college. The project was dedicated to the memory of Elizabeth Connolly, a Westfield State education major who died in an accident in 2007.

Hundreds of state college students participated in the event in May, rehabilitating the Walter J. Paton School in Shrewsbury and creating a garden in Connolly's memory. Westfield State students raised \$12,000 for the project through a grant, a walkathon, and private and college donations.

"I will never forget how many people gave up an entire day in her memory to do such amazing work," Odachowski said.

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'Tis the season

CATHERINE GRELLA
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

Once again, it's that time of the year when we think about gift-giving. But as a poor college student, you begin to wonder, "What I can give?" I'm here to tell you plenty! There is an organization known as Heifer International who can help you with meaningful gift-giving. Heifer International has been around since 1944 so they have meaningful gift-giving down to a science. It is based on the principle of micro-economics.

Did you know that for \$10 you can buy a share in a goat? And you're probably saying, "What good will that do?" A dairy goat can supply a family with up to several quarts of nutritious milk a day - a ton of milk a year. Extra milk can be sold or used to make cheese, butter or yogurt. Families also learn to use goat manure to fer-

tilize gardens. Since goats often have two or three kids a year, Heifer partners can lift themselves out of poverty by starting small dairies that earn money for food, health care and education (directly quoted from their website).

You say you don't like goats? Heifer International has other animals to choose from. How about a flock of chicks for \$20? To a family in the Caribbean or Cameroon, these chicks add nourishing, life-sustaining eggs to their inadequate diets. A good hen can lay up to 200 eggs a year - plenty to eat, share or sell.

You can buy a share in an animal or purchase an animal outright. There are honeybees for \$20, Heifers for \$500 all the way up to \$10,000 for livestock development. Now I know you are getting cynical by saying, "Where am I going to get that kind of money?" How about that loose change that is hanging around your room? It's that quarter lying on your desk or

hidden in the seat of your car. If 40 friends all donated a quarter that would add up to \$10 and be enough to buy a share in a goat.

How about a quarter from everyone in a dorm, say 300 contributors? That would be \$75, enough to buy a flock of chicks, flock of ducks, flock of geese and a share in goat. Now let's up the ante to everyone on campus (4000) donating a quarter that would be \$1000. As a campus, we could buy a milk manager, a heifer, two goats and a water buffalo. Collectively, what an impact we could make on some lives, helping people be the best they can



Heifer International animal circle. courtesy of <http://www.heifer.org>

be.

Caring is not an action but an attitude, a principle. So how about it Westfield? Let's make a difference.

<http://www.heifer.org/site/c.edJR>

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Overlook Farm in Rutland Mass is a learning center to experience Heifer's educational efforts.

Nothing But Nets coming to Westfield State!

RACHAEL OLESON
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

The Nothing But Nets Foundation has arrived at Westfield State College. For those of you who may have not heard of this group, here is their story.

Nothing But Nets is a grassroots campaign to save lives by preventing malaria, a leading cause of death in children of Africa. They are founded by countless organizations which include the United Nations Foundation, The Measles Initiative, and Sports Illustrated.

Nothing But Nets started from a column that Rick Reilly wrote about malaria in Sports Illustrated. He encouraged his readers to donate at least \$10 for the purchase of an anti-malaria bed net, which repels mosquitoes from being able to infect their next victim in their sleep with deadly malaria-producing toxins. He received a huge response from thousands of Americans which led to the creation of the Nothing But Nets campaign.

This project was originally brought to our attention by

Pat Mahoney, a health teacher at Westfield North Middle School. She is very passionate about this cause, as are her students. They are officially campaigning for Nothing But Nets, and they call themselves the NMS SWAT Team. They have already raised over \$1,500.00 for the purchase of these bed nets, but they won't stop there. Her students have written letters to promote awareness about this cause.

McKenzie Saitmarsh, a 7th grader writes, "If I lived in Africa, I would feel scared and afraid that one day I could be fine running around, then waking up the next day with malaria." Other 7th graders such as Tim Kwamki write, "I feel proud that I am able to make a difference in such a huge problem by donating just \$10. It is surprising that a 12-year-old kid from Westfield, MA was able to help kids in another continent that cannot help themselves." Meredith Haley writes, "I think that Nothing But Nets isn't just a little project, it's a worldwide project to help the kids in Africa. I would hope that there is someone who cares enough to send me a net if I needed it so that I do not wake up one morning with malaria and not even know-

ing it."

Now it's our turn to help. The Community Service Clearinghouse here at Westfield State has posted their newest community service opportunity, which is in fact to get involved with this campaign. You can access the Clearinghouse by going to <https://myinterfasc.com/westfield/student>. If you are not registered with the Clearinghouse, follow the instructions to do so, and then you will be able to view the Nothing But Nets posting.

You can also go to www.nothingbutnets.net and visit Pat Mahoney's students' team page, the NMS SWAT Team, to make a donation; or email Pat Mahoney at p.mahoney@schoolsofwestfield.org. Please help to make a difference in the lives of millions of people throughout Africa. One donation saves one life, and there is no better feeling than knowing you made a difference in the life of another human being who is in desperate need of your help. Get involved with Nothing But Nets today!

Westfield State Poetry Slam Team wins intercollegiate contest

CRAIG PHOLON
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

For the second year running, the Westfield State College Poetry Slam Team won the intercollegiate Poetry Slam at American International College (AIC).

Team members Meaghan Brennan, a junior from California, Md., and Alan-Michael Chest and Keyana Fowler, sophomores from Springfield, took first place on Oct. 15 against competing schools Bay Path College, AIC, and Holyoke Community College.

Leah Nielsen, assistant professor of creative writing at Westfield State, is the team's coach.

"I am honored to advise the slam team and thrilled by their success at AIC," she said. "Last year was a growing year for our team as we looked to diversify the team. We worked closely with Joan Fuller in Urban Education and with student leader Mohammed Ibrahim to recruit students beyond the English department. The result is a solid team of students from different backgrounds who dedicate themselves to writing and performing poetry."

"It is great to see our students competing successfully in every field, including poetry," Evan S. Dobbelle, president of Westfield State College, said. "We are proud of these talented students, as well as the efforts of this team to be a true voice of diversity on and off campus."

In 2007, the team competed at the Association of College Unions International Regional Poetry Slam at Boston University.

"While the Westfield State team did not place in that competition, the students came back motivated to improve their work and compete in more regional and even national competitions," Nielsen said.

The slam team also performs as community service work. The team recently held a poetry reading for students at Putnam High School in Springfield and performed at a dinner during Black History Month.

Westfield State students, staff, and faculty will also read their original works in the Fallen Pieces Reading at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1 in the Garden Room B at 333 Western Avenue.

For more information, contact Nielsen at 572-8069.

The Angry Liberal

by Molly Coyle



As you may have noticed we have a new political voice on our staff. Despite the fact that we have very different ideas about the way our country should be run, and very different ideas about what kind of administration Obama will have, I am very excited about this prospect. I have been told in the past that my column is very one-sided (I never claimed it would be unbiased, hence the title), but I think

that this may appease those who don't agree with everything that I have to say and hopefully encourage discussion among students as well, which was the aim of my column in general.

In the weeks to come Sean Klay and I will be choosing one issue every week and write our views on it in a civil manner, something that both of us feel very strongly about: the ability to have a political discussion, no

matter what party you represent, without character assassination.

If you have an idea about a topic that you would like us to discuss please feel free to email him or me with your ideas. We would love to hear them.

Until next time, when the real political discussion will begin, have a great winter break, be safe, and stay informed.

Guest Speaker Series Dr. Ruth Westheimer December 10th Woodward Center



Be sure to check out Just Sex after winter break for a one-on-one interview with famous psychosexual therapist Dr. Ruth.



Just Sex with Lauren Mattos

Hey ladies and gents, I hope everyone had a fantastic Thanksgiving break. I sure as hell did. Last week I decided to mix it up a little bit and have you guys send in your suggestions for this week's topic. I received a lot of awesome ideas and I thank all of you who took some time to post on what you wanted to read. After reading all the suggestions I decided that I would go with Miss Ally Coughlin's idea of "Biggest Turn-ons and Turn-offs." Thanks Ally, and keep on gracing WSC with your sexiness.

I let readers know that these did not have to be sexual in the least, and that it could be

about certain personal qualities that you deem attractive. Here were some turn-ons (sexual and not):

Biting scratching and some light and playful control stuff, though not too extreme. Nothing too daring so you won't have to lie to Nana about how you got that scar.

Making the first move.

Light dirty talk, as one reader Lisa so elegantly put it "hut lets not have full fledged conversations."

Intelligence. Ally, whom all women will completely agree with her on this, "He can at least hold a meaningful conversation about something other than sports or partying."

Continuing on Ally's note, gentleman, we do NOT want to hear about your Beirut record. Your ability to toss a ball into Soto cups while intoxicated does not get us going. We will pretend to care, but I promise, we don't. As for turn offs?

Poor hygiene.

Deodorant people, it works like a charm.

Hair down there, though that's up to the person. As long it's groomed and you're comfortable with the situation, then have a blast.

Cockiness (Remember what your mother said about how you're special? Yeah,

you're not.)

Severe lack of confidence (Does Charlie Brown ever get Little Red-Haired Girl? That's what I thought.)

One thing that played into both categories was jealousy. A little jealousy is healthy, but it can go way too far. Sometimes ladies if you see your man get a little jealous it can be cute, the same goes for guys. However, taking a crowbar to a guy just because he glanced at your lady is a little ridiculous. Also ladies, if a random chick says "hello" to your man in the DC, please refrain from slashing her tires. If you are currently in

a relationship where the jealousy is out of control, it's best to talk about it. If you have talked about it and there is no improvement, it's best to end it, never let anything get abusive. If your relationship takes that unfortunate route, there are people you can talk to at the Campus Counseling center that will be happy to help you. Disregard the jealous person's feelings; your safety and emotional health comes before everything.

Be sure to check out the boards next week AND to go check out Dr. Ruth Westheimer for her lecture at the Woodward Center on December 10th at 7:00!

EDITOR'S DESK



First semester is coming to an end, and so is my time at The Voice. Just kidding! I'll be back next semester after recharging my batteries in North Adams, Mass. for the month.

This is the last issue of the paper until next year (I voted for us to do one more but lost). I've learned a lot in my semester at The Voice. Mostly just personal things about Jeff and Colby that will haunt my dreams forever. Just kidding (eh, not so much). I love those boys, even when they act super-emo.

Jeff and I went to see Joseph Korzenik on Tuesday and it was great. Not only did I get in touch with my Jewish roots, but I got to eat ziti with Korzenik and the JSO! That's Jewish Student Organization for all you newbs. Check out Jeffy-poo's article for more info.

I hope everybody has a great vacation and thank you for supporting The Voice!

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EDITOR'S DESK



Thanksgiving break is over and now begins what I like to call the "crunch-time" of the semester. When people start panicking and freaking out over their work. It's the time of year when adderall is popped and all nighters become a regularity. It's the time of year when students find out if they'll be graduating on time or if all those skipped classes will catch up to them.

I know I sound like a scrooge. Not exactly what you expect to hear around the holidays. Unfortunately this is the reality we face for the remaining two weeks left in the semester. This will be our last edition of 2008 and I can't lie and say I'm not relieved. We all need a break.

Hopefully when we get back there will be some nice snow on the ground, so I can hit up the local ski scene. We'll all have some cool presents from the holidays. Maybe a tan from a southern vacation.

We'll all come back and see President-Elect Obama be inaugurated and we'll be ready for another semester. Unfortunately my last. It's been fun.

Merry Christmas & Happy Hanukkah!

Until 2009... peace everybody...

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Christian Fellowship Welcomes All Students

Come to any Tuesday night meeting @ 7pm downstairs in the Interfaith Center (the little chapel next to Wilson Hall). We have a great group of students who fellowship together, talk about issues we are facing, encourage one another, read and discuss the Bible, have delicious refreshments and live musicians. It's a great night to relax and meet some new people while studying God's word. We invite you to visit.

The Principled Conservative

SEAN KLAY

VOICE COLUMNIST



For the last 8 years, Republicans have not been 'Conservative' at all, and every attempt that President Bush has made to reach across the aisle has been met with nothing but opposition, and bitter attacks. From the moment Bush took office in 2000, every media pundit said that in order to govern this nation effectively, President Bush would have to do so in a bipartisan manner. It was the repeated attempts at bi-partisanship instead of governing on principle that has gotten the Republican Party into the mess that it's currently in. This spirit of bipartisanship culminated with the nomination of a moderate bipartisan candidate, Senator John McCain, did nothing to help or advance the conservative cause, and resulted in defeat in both 2006 and 2008. Any continued "bi-partisanship" on the part of Republicans will only result in further losses and defeat. The only reason the Republicans did

as well as they did, was because of Gov. Sarah Palin. If Republicans want to have any chance of remaining a relevant party or for that matter even have any hopes of winning back Congress in 2010, then they will have to return to their roots. Principles like Limited Government, the Right to Life, fighting higher taxes, ending deficit spending, promoting economic growth through limited corporate taxes, ending the welfare state mentality that has become rampant in our national and state governments, maintaining a strong national defense, and nominating judges who understand that their role is to safeguard the Constitution, not to legislate 'change' from the bench.

Over the last 8 years, the Republican Party has for the most part abandoned its own party platform. Elected Republican officials stopped being Conservative and lost their

credibility because what they said no longer matched what they were doing.

So, what do Conservative Republicans need to do?

1. Communicate to the American People what Conservatism means, and not let the opposition define it for you.
2. Become a Principled opposition. Elected Republicans must live by and defend the principles of their Party and not compromise them away to the point of meaninglessness. Finally my friends, while the 2008 Presidential election is historic, it was by no means an endorsement of the long deferred Liberal agenda. For those out there who believe that a Democrat controlled

Government in Washington will bring order out of chaos, and the supposed 'change' this country desperately needs, some words of caution. If anything, the Democratic Party must now be aware of the very thing all the political commentators in the media told the Republicans in 2004 to be aware of, hubris.

Thoughts? Comments? Have an opposing viewpoint you want to share? Email me at WSCPricipleConservative@gmail.com

The color of winter

CORY ANDROS
VOICE REPORTER

The semester is winding down and amid the battles with final papers, projects, and exams it can be hard to find time to do anything other than schoolwork. Last week I was told that the Voice editions during this time are usually light, so I made it my goal to get something written for each of these last two weeks. I really had no idea what I wanted to write about this week. I was suffering from severe writer's block which I attributed to sitting around for two days, doing little more than vegetating on the couch wrapped up in food and football. That was until a co-worker gave me the spark I needed to develop a topic (thanks Amy!).

Since we are approaching the winter season I thought it would be a good time to look ahead, to what we should expect as far as weather. Snow is always the constant, of course, to the joy of some and disdain of others. But recent winter seasons have shown that the snow may come later than it has historically. The larger, global climate happenings are always going to be the main suspect, as we try to figure out if autumn is

getting longer or spring is coming sooner or if winter is just disappearing altogether. It can't be denied that the winter season seems to be fluctuating.

I remember a time when there used to be snow on the ground in November (who can forget the Thanksgiving Day blizzard we endured a few years ago). Even growing up in Connecticut as a youngster, I recall foot upon foot of snow falling long before the Christmas season. And that was in the city, places like Danbury and Waterbury (not exactly the Western Mass hill-towns in which I now reside - it's expected up here). The snowy wonderland of my youth would last straight through into March, sometimes April (I think one year it was snowing in May) and it wouldn't let up a bit.

These days we may not see a single snowflake until January. Worse, we get that icy, slushy mess instead, which causes twice as many problems on the roads as the beautiful, fluffy snow. By mid-March anything we do get is just about gone, yet we still complain about that short two months of winter weather as much as we did when we got pummeled for what seemed to be half the year. Any snow we do get before Christmas always seems to be melted away in a random week of mild temperatures. And while

the skies and snowboarders mourn the loss of their once long snow season, I am just ecstatic because less snow means less shoveling. If we could just do away with that damn ice.

Blame whatever natural (or unnatural) phenomena you want for this decline of the winter season, but it is true that the snow comes later now. There was a time when winter and white were nearly synonymous and now I find myself wondering what color winter will be each year. The years of the "White Christmas" are dwindling. It could very well be green (or brown with all the bare trees and dormant grass) that surrounds us as we exchange gifts each December. I say we gamble on it. Are we going to have a "White Christmas" or "Green Christmas" this year? Or will everything be ice-cold over? Bet's are on! Contact me at candros4235@wsc.ma.edu to place your wager!

The shift in seasons is becoming more and more evident and the coming years will most likely bring more of the same. It's something we'll certainly pay attention to and even if most of us haven't really noticed yet, we will eventually. Until then, keep your eyes to the sky.



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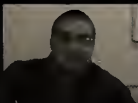
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EDITOR'S DESK



I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and are now able to focus on the remaining two weeks of the semester, with finals right around the corner.

For me, I was excited to hear that one of my favorite bands, The Dead, are possibly reuniting for a 2009 tour, as you can see by the article to my right. First it was Phish announcing a reunion tour this past October, and now the Dead. Also, make sure to check out Barefoot Truth performing with the Night Owls this coming Tuesday in Deer.

As for the paper, we have decided that this issue will be our last this semester. We thank everyone who has helped us out and supported us this semester.

I wish everyone luck with finals and I hope everyone has a great winter break and a safe and happy holidays.

Songs of the week: Elvis Costello - Oliver's Army

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Upcoming Shows in Northampton

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The Dead reunite in Pennsylvania

DAVID BROWNE
ROLLING STONE MAGAZINE

The first call came into Penn State's Bryce Jordan Center in mid-summer: A concert promoter asked venue officials to hold some dates at the school's indoor arena in the fall. The promoter wouldn't identify the band — and didn't until he called back to ask if October 13th would be available for a Barack Obama benefit with Bob Weir, Phil Lesh, Mickey Hart and Bill Kreutzmann. "We went, 'Wow,'" says Bernie Punt, director of sales at the venue. "We knew right then this was going to be unique."

Within minutes of the announcement, Deadheads had snapped up all 15,000 tickets for the first show in four years by the surviving members of the Grateful Dead. On the night of the October 13th concert, which also included the Allman Brothers Band, fans from as far away as Stockholm whooped it up as the Dead launched into the trademark shuffle of "Truckin'." Joined by Allmans and Gov't Mule guitarist Warren Haynes and keyboardist Jeff Chimenti from Weir's band Ratdog, the reunited Dead resurrected standards like "Touch of Gray" and "U.S. Blues," as well as spaced-out jam classics "Dark Star" and "St. Stephen." "It was great fun," Weir says. "We speak a language no one else speaks, and we have intuitions about each other's approaches that no one else can have. It's there — it doesn't go away."

Yet the fact that so much time had passed between Dead shows is an indication of the rupture the band suffered with the death of Jerry Garcia in 1995. Weir, Hart, Lesh and Kreutzmann eventually reunited — first as the Other Ones and, in 2003 and 2004, for tours billed as the Dead. But despite pulling in almost \$18 million, the 2004 Wave That Flag Tour was strained onstage and off, as the bandmates attempted to work out their post-Garcia roles.

"It spawned all kinds of petty disagreements," says Hart. "There was a lot of intertribal weirdness." Adds Kreutzmann, "When people are having a hard time with their personalities, it goes without saying that the music's gonna suffer also."

Tensions within the band only deepened the following year, when infighting broke out over concert bootlegs posted by fans on the archives.org Website. "They take advantage of you," says Kreutzmann. "They give your music away for free, and then they sell advertis-

ment to the election. "I said, 'Well, I'll try.'" says Weir. The calls went out, and in September, the Dead reunited at Weir's rehearsal space in San Rafael, California. The revived Dead spent two days dusting off songs they hadn't played in years. Everyone was careful not to push too hard — Hart says the group "tried to keep it as relaxed and open as possible. People were not stepping on each other. They were trying to cooperate."

As the band admits, the set was far from flawless. Weir

forgot a few lyrics ("I had a senior moment — it's gonna happen"), and Lesh's "Unbroken Chain," from 1974's *From the Mars Hotel*, was so tricky that the group was still practicing it during soundcheck.

Yet the band reconnected over its shared musical heritage. "During 'Dark Star,' it went wild, and I forgot where we were," says Kreutzmann.

"That's great. Mickey and I are getting along better now. The egos are out of the way." After the show, Lesh was overheard raving about Weir's singing — a sign itself of lessening friction — and the bandmates toasted each other backstage.

"We wanted to play uncomplicated, easy stuff, just have a nice time," says Hart. "Did we play our best? Nooo. Did we play our worst? Absolutely not. It was a healing ceremony." Further shows, including a possible spring tour, are now being discussed. "It felt good, and I'd be with the hell up for it," says Weir, echoing sentiments of his mates. But if more concerts do occur, the Dead face their biggest challenge: holding themselves together after the most tumultuous years in the group's existence. "This isn't an easy thing," says Hart. "To be honest, I thought the odds were not in our favor. The only way it would happen is if we came together and liked each other again. We're ongoing now, but I don't know where we're going."

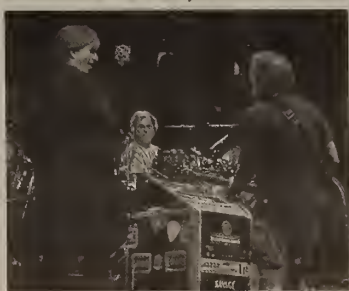


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ing." The band insisted the recordings be pulled, but Lesh disagreed and went public with his thoughts. The site was eventually allowed to stream free soundboard recordings, but by then the four men were barely on speaking terms.

The fence-mending began with business. In 2005, Grateful Dead Productions reached a licensing agreement with Rhino Entertainment to handle the group's entire musical legacy; with that, some of the friction over money was reduced. Then, in February 2008, Lesh, with the help of his son Brian, organized an Obama benefit at the Warfield theater in San Francisco. He invited the other members of the Dead, and Hart and Weir accepted (Kreutzmann had just returned home to Hawaii from a long trip). Together, the three played Dead classics like "Sugarcore" and "Playing in the Band," and, tellingly, the Beatles' "Come Together." "It broke the ice," recalls Hart. "We were able to let some of these skeletons in our closet just fall away."

Around the same time, Weir was asked by a senior official in the Obama campaign if the band would be willing to reform for a swing-state benefit

Gears of War 2: Ten straight hours of locusts, chainsaws and questionable dialogue

MATTHEW GOSCIMINSKI
VOICE REPORTER

Over the course of thanksgiving break, upon taking part in such merriment as turkey eating, mash potato cramming, and dessert gorging I also had the chance to put 10 hours aside and play through Gears of War 2 with a friend of mine on co-op.

I was a fan of the original game. I particularly liked the visceral violence and gorgeous visuals though I felt that something was lacking with the campaign. In Gears 2 however, this has been rectified. I feel as though all the problems I had with the first one have been smoothed over with the second, creating a ridiculously over the top and fun testosterone-filled experience. No offense estrogen wielders, I just can't picture most girls getting their giddies by curb stomping an alien/monster after destroying its legs with a mini-gun.

If you aren't familiar with the Gears of War franchise it is a third person Xbox 360 game in which you fight for the sake of humanity against the "Locusts" who live underground and whose origins remain unknown. You might possibly

view this story as a hip reincarnation of the Revenge of the Mole Men genre. What has made this game so great is the fun cover-based combat system, the incredible graphics, and the brutal game play (i.e. cutting someone in half with the chainsaw half of your machine gun. No bayonets in the apocalyptic future it seems).

Now when I say my friend and I set 10 hours aside for this game it was 10 hours that were all interconnected, aka I didn't leave my basement for 10 hours until it was done. The game might have been shorter had we played it on normal, however being the intense people we are we opted for the "hardcore" difficulty route. It was ten hours well spent, though. The campaign was much more epic this time around and all of the scripted events that I felt could've made the original Gears great were present in this one. There is a much better sense that you are fighting a losing war, that humanity is desperate, and that the population has almost been wiped out by these monstrous locusts.

One of the few downfalls of this game is the writing/dialogue. I mean this is a multi-million dollar franchise, you would think that they could at least put a little effort into the

dialogue. Most of the characters' lines are appropriate I suppose, given their appearances (all jacked, grizzled soldiers who breathe testosterone), but I mean c'mon. One of the more ridiculous lines is as follows: the rookie says something like, "there's a sh!load of grubs down there," and the main character responds matter-of-factly, "more like ten shitloads." Moments like that tended to remove me from the game and made me wonder if the creators remembered right before release that they had to have a story and dialogue to go along with ten hours of monster chain-sawing and face stomping, and frantically typed one out much in the same fashion that most of my final projects are being squeezed out.

Aside from that it's a solid game, definitely better than the first one and it's quite possibly worth the 60 some odd dollars you'll spend on it. I didn't get much of a chance to fool around with the multiplayer so I can't comment much on that. I will say that there is a new multiplayer mode entitled "horde mode" in which you and friends simply try to stay alive as wave after wave of Locust come after you in an increasingly difficult manner. This, simply put, is super fun. The game tallies up



Don't mess with this guy. Photo by GameInformerOnline.

your kills so not only is it fun to barely survive an onslaught of mini-gun wielding super-monsters, but it's also fun to say "you suck" to your friend whom has 10 less kills than you.

Unfortunately I don't own the game so I'll either have

to A. put money aside for it, or B. borrow it from my friends brother, and I have to say I think I'll go with the latter. But in the end my overly keen ratings intuition places this game somewhere around a 9.0 out of 10.0.

Two Unmerrymakers in a Grueling Land of Social Awfulness

A.O. SCOTT
NEW YORK TIMES

Every holiday season, either out of respect for tradition or sheer spite, at least one Hollywood studio is sure to release a drippy sentimental, gratefully cheerful "comedy," indigestible as a fruitcake and disposable as wrapping paper. All appearances to the contrary, "Four Christmases" is not this year's version. Yes, it follows a charming, mismatched couple on a sentimental journey involving presents, family and the sharing of food and feelings, but the picture, briskly directed by Seth Gordon from a snappy, many-authored script, is refreshingly tart and lean, forgoing the usual schmaltz and syrup.

Don't get the wrong idea. "Four Christmases" isn't anything astonishing, but at 86 minutes, divided into four farcical set pieces, plus necessary exposition, denouement and interstitial drive time, it's an efficient and stress-free entertainment package. For the audience, that is. The main characters seem pretty miserable most of the time, which is as it should be.

To an unusual and wel-

come degree, "Four Christmases" makes merry with an impressive range of modern American social awfulness. In its view of the discomfort that persists between parents and their grown-up children, it flirts with the misanthropy encapsulated in

have tactfully estranged themselves from parents, stepparents and siblings. Each Christmas Kate and Brad invent an exotic charity project as cover for a hedonistic jaunt that takes them far from the claims of kin. This year, though, their planned

appalling, in context.

Mr. Vaughn is supposed to be the offspring of Robert Duvall and Sissy Spacek, a curious casting choice unless the editors left out a flashback in which the infant Brad fell into a vat of human growth hormone.



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Philip Larkin's poem "This Be the Verse," which begins with an unprintable axiom and concludes with the advice to "get out as early as you can and don't have any kids yourself."

This is the counsel Kate (Reese Witherspoon) and Brad (Vince Vaughn) seem to have followed. An unmarried, fun-loving San Francisco couple, they

escape is foiled, and they must run a grueling (and surprisingly brutal) gauntlet through the homes of four divorced parents, enduring awkwardness, humiliation and sexual ickiness.

"I swear I never had sexual feelings for your mom until I was 30," Brad's childhood best friend tells him. It's much funnier, as well as more

Kate's parents are played by Mary Steenburgen and, all too briefly, Jon Voight, and her undermining, aggressively fertile sister by Kristin Chenoweth.

Brad's feral brothers, a pair of semi-professional extreme cage fighters, are Tim McGraw and Jon Favreau, and the generally high caliber of the supporting performances —

Dwight Yoakam as Pastor Phil, Kate's mom's latest boyfriend, also deserves mention — goes a long way toward making "Four Christmases" palatable.

And Ms. Witherspoon serves as a game comic sidekick to the irrepressible Mr. Vaughn, who basically does what he always does, which is to stammer, bluster and wheedle his way through a performance that scrambles the distinction between brute and wimp. He has a tendency, slyly mocked in a church pageant scene, to upstage whomever he's paired with, and Ms. Witherspoon, though a fine comedian in her own right, is perhaps a bit too decorous and obliging.

The difference in size between them presents an interesting visual challenge, as they fit into the frame like Gandalf and Frodo, or Marmaduke and a Hummel figurine. There are other reasons not to believe them as a couple, one being that no sane woman could endure more than 90 minutes of Brad's company. But since you don't even have to endure that much, it really isn't your problem.

FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

If you live in a cave and missed it, this week, the New York Giants' widest Plaxico Burress accidentally shot himself in the right thigh at a Manhattan night club. That's right, shot him self in the thigh. To add insult to injury, Plax will be facing charges in New York for carrying a concealed weapon that wasn't licensed in the state of New York, a charge that carries with it a MANDATORY sentence of 3.5 years in prison. Way to go, Plax, way to go!

About the only person in the Giants' circle that can be pleased about this is Domenick Hixon who will now be more predominantly featured in their offense. Besides Hixon, the whole situation is a mess for everyone involved. Tom Coughlin must be pulling what hair he has left out of his scalp just thinking about this. His tight ship which, until Plaxico began to show his true colors, had mirrored the model of success pioneered by Bill Belichick and the New England Patriots, has now

got a gaping chasm in it. There is nothing in the world a control freak like Tom Coughlin hates more than a hotel lobby crawling with reporters asking his players about the off-field conduct of the team's superstar.

Burress has had his share of problems. He likes to skip practice, as he has done it and been fined or suspended for a game for doing so at least three times in his career, once in Pittsburgh and twice already this year. He's been fined repeatedly by the Giants for his conduct and this, I hope, will just be the cherry on top and will get him out of town.

Being a die-hard Giants fan, this is killing me. Plax is probably, behind Randy Moss, the second best receiver in the NFL today. Losing him, however, doesn't bother me as much as you might think. Yes, he is more physically gifted (in an athletic way) than Ron Jeremy is (in a pornographic way) and I love seeing Eli Manning throw to him. I mean, Manning to Burress

has been the second most productive QB-WR duo in the NFL besides Manning to Harrison over the past five seasons, so why wouldn't I want him?

Well to answer that rhetorical question, is because he is a cancer. And the Giants, as I'm sure many other teams will begin to do in a nod to "the hoodie" Bill Belichick and his team philosophy, have become a team of interchangeable parts. Burress is no more important to the team than Domenick Hixon, Mario Manningham, Steve Smith or David Tyree is. He can be replaced. Tiki Barber was, Michael Strahan was. So why can't we just get rid of him? I'm sure Jerry Jones (as Tony Romo shakes his head) would love another over-paid prima donna wide out on his Dallas Cowboys.

Beyond the small world of the New York Giants is the even bigger, more disturbing picture of hot-shot athletes and their nasty habits of getting involved with the wrong crowd or finding trouble. Roger Goodell must feel

more like he is in charge of a daycare than a professional sport. Adam Jones and his past transgressions are well documented. Randy Moss finally grew up after his time in Minnesota and Oakland and hopefully, some day, Plaxico Burress will too. I just hope it's somewhere else other than with the Giants. Or any other NFC East team. Or the Patriots, I'd hate that too. I'd just like to see this change. Why can't these idiots just be, say, half as smart as they are talented? That's all I'm asking.

It is entertaining to see these people, built like gods and praised likewise, fall so fast and so hard that we forget about them until ESPN or some idiot like me decides to make a count down of the 10 biggest, worst, dumbest etc. lists because someone else isn't making news or doing something stupid for us to write about. It's also alarming and a trend that, while it gives me something to write about, is tragic. People like Plaxico

Burress are just as damaging to our society as hip hop culture and other institutions with messed-up values.

I hope this is "farewell Plax! I hope you make a lot of friends in county, you jackass."

And on an awesome note, I'd like to give a shout out to Paula Creamer, who after fighting a stomach virus that had her doubled over in pain at least 5 times during the first three rounds of the ADT Championship in West Palm Beach, FL last week, came back to finish third in the tournament. Creamer was admitted to a hospital in West Palm Beach after the third round of the tournament last Saturday for what was thought to be appendicitis. On just two hours of sleep, she came back on Sunday to fire a two over 74 and finish third. This week, she is in Singapore playing in the Lexus Cup, still battling stomach issues. Despite that, she scored 6 points for the International teams win over Asia.



Owls host Pioneer Valley classic

MICKEY CURTIS
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

The Eighth Annual Pioneer Valley Men's Hoop Classic tips off this Friday evening at Westfield State College with what promises to be four exciting and competitive games.

Three of the four Western Massachusetts Colleges have an aggregate record of 12-2. Perennial power Amherst College is 4-0 and Westfield State College and Springfield College are both 4-1. Western New England College owns a 1-4 record against a demanding early-season schedule.

Friday's schedule features Amherst vs. Springfield at 6:00 p.m., followed by WNEC vs. Westfield State at 8:00 p.m. Saturday evening's schedule is Springfield vs. WNEC at 6:00 and Westfield vs. Amherst at 8:00.

Host WESTFIELD STATE COLLEGE enters the Classic with a 4-1 record. The Owls last played on Tuesday, Nov. 25, when they were outscored 91-86 by Elms College, which is ranked 16th nationally in the latest d3hoops.com poll.

Junior guard Brandon Mauer leads the Owls in scoring, averaging 19.2 points per game. The Pittsfield product set school records in the season opener for

most 3-pointers made (9) and attempted (18) in a game.

Senior guard Dave Jaehnig is averaging 18.8 points per game and is 12 points shy of 1,000 career points. The athletic 6-4 guard also leads the Owls in rebounding (7.0), steals and assists.

Junior guard Asa Abbott and senior forward Johnny Dunbar have emerged as key contributors this season, averaging 10.8 and 7.8 points, respectively.

The Owls are big inside with returnees Matt Badjo (6-5, 270) and Drew Pereira (6-4, 240) roaming the paint.

AMHERST COLLEGE, the 2007 NCAA champion and 2008 national runner-up, is ranked 10th in the d3hoops.com national poll. The new-look Lord Jeffs upped their record to 4-0 with a 104-77 victory over Lasell College this past Tuesday. The Lord Jeffs also have wins over MCLA, 85-52, and Skidmore, 100-97.

Amherst's leading scorer this season is Brian Baskauskas, a preseason third team All-America selection. The 6-6 senior guard/forward from Palo Alto, CA is averaging 15.8 points per game.

Also scoring in double digits are 6-5 junior guard/forward Steven Wheeler (14.8) and 6-5 freshman guard Taylor Barrise (10.0).

The Lord Jeffs again have outstanding depth, with 10

players averaging at least 11 minutes played per game.

SPRINGFIELD COLLEGE enters the PVC Classic with a 4-1 record. The Pride's last game was Nov. 22 when they rallied for a 75-71 victory at Eastern Connecticut State. Springfield also posted a big 68-63 road victory at Keene State. The Pride suffered a 73-63 setback at Elms College.

Junior guard Ryan Blackmon is averaging a team-high 18.4 points per game. Junior forward Pat Crean is averaging 13.8 points and scored a career-high 24 points vs. Eastern Connecticut.

John Strawson - a 6-7 center from Torrington, CT - is averaging a double-double, 10.2 points and 10.6 rebounds. Senior guard Danny White is averaging 7.8 points, 4.9 steals and 2.5 assists.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE dropped to 1-4 following a 82-66 loss to Elms College this past Tuesday. The Golden Bears also lost to Keene State, Bowdoin and Bridgewater State and defeated Wheelock.

Western New England College has two players averaging in double figures: senior Matt Maynard (12.6), senior Kyle Fredette (13.8), while sophomore Michael Kennedy has a 9.2 average. Fredette is averaging a team-high 10.6 rebounds.

Athlete Of The Week

Amanda Gricus



Hometown:
Marion

Track & Field



Year:
Sophomore



Major:
Environmental Science

Position:
Hurdles, Jumps & Throws

Amanda is a sophomore thrower for the Westfield State Track & Field team. She is currently injured so she can not jump or hurdle, which she also competes in.

"Our first meet is this Saturday at Springfield College. We won MASCACs last year so hopefully we can win again."

Sox ink MVP Pedroia to \$40.5 million extension

CHAD FINN
BOSTON GLOBE

The 2008 American League Most Valuable Player is now under contract with the Boston Red Sox for years to come, and both the player and the ball club couldn't be happier.

"I'm extremely excited," Dustin Pedroia said at a Fenway Park press conference this afternoon confirming that the popular and remarkably productive second baseman had signed a six-year, \$40.5 million contract extension. "I definitely wanted to be here a long time and help the Red Sox win. Today it happened, [and] hopefully the next six years we can win some championships."

Pedroia will receive a \$1.5 million signing bonus and a \$1.5 million salary in 2009. He will be paid \$3.5 million in 2010, \$5.5 million in '11, \$8 million in '12, and \$10 million in both 2013 and '14. The club option for '15 is for \$11 million, or the Sox can buy him out for \$500,000.

The 25-year-old, who batted .326 with 17 home runs and 83 RBI en route to winning the MVP in his second major league season, said signing the

deal was an easy decision.

"My first thought about the whole thing was I play for the best team in the major leagues," Pedroia said. "Who wouldn't want to play for the Boston Red Sox? We're going to have an opportunity to win every single year. The fans are the best, the city embraces their team. So why not? It fits."

Pedroia, 25, led the AL in hits (213), runs (118) and doubles (54), and also won the Gold Glove and Silver Slugger awards, becoming just the eighth player in league history to take all three honors in one season. He also became the third player to win an MVP award the season after being named rookie of the year.

With his hard-nosed style, Pedroia established himself as one of the Red Sox' leaders on the field and off, a characteristic general manager Theo Epstein acknowledged during the press conference.

"Dustin plays hard, first and foremost, all the time," Epstein said. "He plays to win. He plays for his teammates, not for himself. He's the type of player, he's not motivated by money, he's motivated by championships. He's prepared, he takes care of himself, he's pro-

fessional... he's kind of everything you look for."

"He's a leader in the clubhouse, I think he's a leader on the field with the way he approaches the game, and he's really talented and helps us win every night... If we had 25 guys like this we'd be in good shape. I don't think we'd be the Red Sox right now without Dustin Pedroia."

For the Red Sox, the significant point is that they bought at least two of Pedroia's free agent years for \$10 million per season. If the club exercises the '15 option, they will effectively have signed Pedroia, who is eligible for free agency in '12, to a three-year deal worth \$31 million. It is one of the four biggest non-arbitration contracts ever, along with those signed by Florida's Hanley Ramirez, the Mets' David Wright and Milwaukee's Ryan Braun.

The benefit for Pedroia is that he guarantees himself a good deal of money now and gains a great measure of long-term security, though he conceded he probably could have made more money had he eventually gone to free agency. He said that wasn't a consideration in his mind.

"I know that if I would

have gone year to year, yes, I would probably have made a lot more money. I understand that without a doubt," Pedroia said. "But I'm here in a place that I love, my family loves it. They treat us unbelievable. It's like a family here. I'm happy with this. I'm extremely excited, my wife's excited, my parents, they're ecstatic... I want to be here. I want to play for the Red Sox and I don't want to play for anybody else. So it just seemed right to do something."

If the Red Sox exercise the seventh-year option, Pedroia's contract will be worth \$51 million, an average of just under \$7.3 million per season. Without the option, the deal is worth an average of \$6.75 million, which becomes Pedroia's average annual salary from 2009 to 2014. That \$6.75 million is the number which will be used in the formula to determine the Sox' payroll for luxury tax purposes.

The option will increase to \$13 million if Pedroia wins another MVP at any point over the next six years.

Anytime he finishes in the top three of the voting, his option would increase by \$1 million each time, capping at \$13 million. At most, barring award incentives, the deal could be worth \$53 million over seven years.

Pedroia, who owns a .313 batting average with 27 home runs and 140 RBI in 327 games with the Red Sox, will be 32 at the end of the deal. He was typically confident regarding how the contract will play out.

"I'm going to be the player I am for longer than 32, I can tell you that for sure," Pedroia said. "I saw how long the deal was and I was excited about it. That means I get to be here with the place I love for the next six or seven years. That's the way I looked at it."



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Nine Owls honored by NEFC

Nine Westfield State College football players were selected to the New England Football Conference (NEFC) Bogan Division all-conference teams.

The Owls landed six first-team all-conference selections in the eight-team Bogan Division, led by senior linebacker Jason Fielding (Methuen), who was also selected the division's defensive player of the year. The 6-0, 240-pounder led the Owls in tackles with 103, including 50 solo tackles. Fielding, who was a first-team pick for the third straight year, anchored the Owl defense that ranked second in the 16-team NEFC in scoring defense and third in total defense.

Other first-team selections were: senior quarterback Dan Cohen (Westfield), junior receiver David Benoit (Ludlow), junior defensive lineman Matt Fall (Wilbraham), junior defensive back Josh Mathieu (Fitchburg), and sophomore punter Chris Stengel (Forest Hill, Md.).

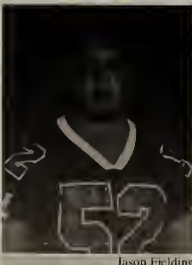
Led by Cohen, the Owls led the NEFC in passing efficiency with a 138.0 rating. He completed 155 of 279 passes for 2,019 yards and 23 touchdowns. He only threw three interceptions in 10 games.

The Saint Anselm's transfer completed his fine three-year career at Westfield State with eight school passing records. He holds

school career records for completions (411), attempts (783), yards (5,254) and completion percentage (.524).

He set records this season for completions (155) and completion percentage (.556). He also set game records for completions (26) and attempts (56) vs. Fitchburg State in 2007.

Cohen only threw 28



Jason Fielding

interceptions in 27 career games. He had 23 touchdown passes this season (two shy of the school record) and 44 career TD passes (seven shy of the school record).

Benoit had one of the best offensive seasons in school history. He had 65 receptions for 1,046 yards and a school record 16 touchdowns. Benoit also set a school record for points scored in a

season with 96.

Fall, a 6-4, 325-pounder, was a force on the defense front. He registered 30 tackles, including nine for losses, and forced two fumbles.

Mathieu earned all-conference accolades for the third consecutive season. He was a first-teamer as a freshman and a second team selection his sophomore season. He posted 37 tackles, five interceptions and seven pass breakups this year.

Stengel was a special teams standout, averaging 39.0 yards per punt to rank second in the NEFC. The Concord University (West Virginia) transfer boomed a school record 74-yard punt.

Westfield State second-team selections were junior defensive back Nick Levrone (Natick) and defensive lineman Nick Gniadk (Northbridge). Levrone had 42 tackles and a team-high six interceptions in nine games played. Gniadk finished with 35 tackles, including eight for losses.

Freshman Andrew Fodera (Peabody) - another defensive standout - did not make the all-conference team but he was selected the Bogan Division Defensive Rookie of the Year. The 6-0, 240-pounder posted 54 tackles (five for losses), one interception, three pass breakups and two forced fumbles.

Jaehnig named player of week after star performance

Westfield State senior guard Dave Jaehnig was named on Sunday afternoon as the MAS-CAC Men's Basketball Player of the Week after scoring a career-high tying 32 points and grabbing 10 rebounds in the Owls' 91-86 setback at 25th-ranked Elms last Tuesday evening, Nov. 25.

The 6-4 Quincy native also had three assists and two steals. He shot 56 percent from the field (9 for 16) and 71 percent from the foul line (12 for 17).

Jaehnig has 988 career points heading into the Owls' next game when they host Western New England College in the opening round of the Pioneer Valley Classic on Friday, Dec. 5. The WNEC-Westfield game begins at 8:00 p.m. and will be preceded by the Amherst-Springfield game at 6:00

p.m.

The Pioneer Valley Classic games on Saturday, Dec. 6 games, also being played at Westfield State, are WNEC vs. Springfield at 6:00 and Amherst vs. Westfield at 8:00.

For complete MAS-CAC statistics and player of the week information, go to: www.mas-cac.com.



Dave Jaehnig

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

Your week is about looking ahead to your future. In order to do that, you might have to be willing to allow certain elements of the past to slip away. You cannot allow the pulls of the past to prevent you from moving closer toward your hopes, dreams and wishes.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

This is your prime time for being able to communicate with others at nearly any level. Keep an open mind to new ideas for they might evolve and send you into new future directions. Avoid any conversations that would turn the mood dark or heavy.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

It's all about money this week, because it's giving you all the insight and awareness needed to be able to look at your life and know exactly what needs to be done to ensure your own future happiness. A big factor in this is being able to lead and guide the way for others to do the same thing.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

Try to use your grace and charm to your advantage. You'll feel an inflowing of personal energy too. This will allow you to get moving and really get things done. Others will be very attracted to you, making this a great time to start new friendships or personal relationships.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

This is a deeply emotional week because your psychic awareness levels are so high. You need to take things very slow and think your actions through very carefully. The idea is to take it all in, and make your plans but to hold back from rushing into action until all the facts are in.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

In order to move forward into your future, you have to be willing to let go and see the world from a fresh new perspective. It's important that you understand that only you can limit your true potential and possibilities.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

This is a week when you really need to be a positive force at the workplace. Pay extra attention to your appearance too. You never know what you might encounter along the way. It's a great time to start health improvement programs.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

This is a time when you realize there is a lot more involved than what meets the eye. This energy is there to bring you to a higher place or position in life. There will be temptations to deal with, so you must adhere to the highest of moral standards and personal integrity.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 23)

Your week is all about being able to direct your inner feelings and passions toward the work, tasks or projects you really want and need to accomplish. This is a great time to start looking more to the future to determine if your current path is capable of providing you with everything you desire.

Libra

(September 24 - October 23)

This week is all about your relationships with others. You have that extra gift this week that causes others to love to be around you. There's the sense of humor that's the result of your brain being razor sharp at this time. That makes this a great time for meeting new people or starting relationships.

Scorpio

(October 24 - November 22)

It's time to roll up the sleeves because there is work to be done. The financial areas of your chart are being lit up too. Making this is a great time to pay the bills and to make future financial plans.

Sagittarius

(November 23 - December 23)

You are in a very strong and special cycle that is perfect for taking the time to treat yourself to a little extra luxury & good living. Anything dealing with love and romance are favored, so are any social activities that allows others to see the real you that's been trapped inside lately.

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Winter Word Search

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ANDREW JOHNSON

Thumbs Up / Thumbs Down



Winter Vacation!



Finals

Fri 12/5	Intramurals 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Parenzo Gym	Art Display/Auction 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 333 Lobby	Dance Club Holiday Show 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Dever Auditorium
Sat 12/6	Dance Club Holiday Show 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Dever Auditorium	Air National Guard Band 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Dever Auditorium	Tyler Perry's Family Who Prays 8:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Ely Main Lounge
Sun 12/7	Mass 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Interfaith Center	Intramurals 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Parenzo Gym	Patriot's Football Game 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Ely Main Lounge
Mon 12/8	Vendor: Blessings Jewelry 10 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Ely Main Lounge	Monday Evening Jazz 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Ely Main Lounge	Class of 2010 Date Auction 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Dever Auditorium
Tue 12/9	Intramurals 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. Parenzo Gym	Basketball vs. Daniel Webster 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Woodward	Night Owls Concert 7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Dever Auditorium
Wed 12/10	Intramurals 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. Parenzo Gym	Last Minute Shopping Vendor Fair 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Ely Main Lounge	Guest Speaker: Dr. Ruth 3:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Woodward Student Lounge
Thu 12/11	Intramurals 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. Parenzo Gym	Christmas Buffet 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Dining Commons	Holiday Gingerbread House Contest 8:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Ely Main Lounge

Hours Of Operation

Dining Commons

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-8:00p.m.
Saturday & Sunday 8:00a.m.-1:30p.m. & 4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.
*Cyber Cafe located in the Dining Commons is open 24
hours with limited self service

Subway

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-11:00p.m.
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Sunday 12:30p.m.-11:00p.m.

Dunkin Donuts

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Saturday & Sunday 7:00a.m.-12:30a.m.

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The Perch

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Garden Cafe

Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

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Student of the Week



Stats:

Sarah Hollm, 19, Sophomore from North Granby, CT

Major:

Art

What are you planning on doing with your life after Westfield State College? Art director for a fashion magazine

If you could have any super power, what would it be? The power to read minds

If you could change one thing about the campus what would it be?

Underground tunnels between all buildings

If you could sleep with anybody in the world, alive or dead, who would it be? Josh Hartnett

If you could have one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would that meal be?

Steak, potatoes, Italian bread.

If you would like to be student of the week, email us at thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why!

Change in the Air for the Record-breaking Crowd at the Inauguration

Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

The change that America wanted finally came on Tuesday shortly after noon on January 20, 2009 when Barack Obama placed his hand on the same Inaugural Bible used by Abraham Lincoln and was sworn into office as the 44th President of the United States. Goodbye George W. Bush and welcome President Obama! For those people who felt that eight years of a Bush administration was too long, Tuesday was the day that the change they wanted finally arrived.

The inauguration began around 11:30 when Senator Dianne Feinstein made welcoming remarks and then Reverend Rick Warren, a well-known pastor, led the

invocation. Just a few minutes later the new Vice President, Joe Biden, was sworn in. After Biden became the Vice President, a quartet of well-known musicians, among them Yo-Yo Ma and Itzhak Perlman, performed a piece by John Williams. While they were playing, Obama technically became president based on the Constitution, which states that the president-elect is considered president at noon. When the quartet finished their piece, Obama came forward.

With over one million people at the inauguration, all eyes were on Obama as he was sworn in by U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts and promised to "preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States." Screams and cheers

echoed around the United States Capitol as America welcomed its new president.

When Obama finally quieted down the people who were chanting his name, he delivered his heartfelt inaugural address. He honestly explained that although the nation faces a real crisis and difficult challenges, "we gather because we have chosen hope over fear, unity of purpose over conflict and discord." He clarified that the United States must move forward and even amidst fears of decline and crisis, "we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of



44th President Barack Obama waves as former president George W. Bush looks on

remaking America." Obama went on to say that Americans must continue to work hard for the ideals that the forefathers laid down so many years ago. He said that the United States does not have to choose between these ideals and its safety but declared that this country is ready to lead again. During the address, Obama was confident as he offered words of hope and spurred the American people

to be strong and continue to fight for that "great gift of freedom" so that it can be passed down to future generations. These future generations will know that every American of every race and ethnicity is entitled to that gift of freedom because the United States took a giant step on Tuesday toward accomplishing that goal of equality and freedom for all Americans.

WSC Students Get Unique Perspective of the Inauguration

Angela Bunt
Layout Editor

I was one of the 300 students that attended the inauguration on Tuesday. Well, I wouldn't say I attended the inauguration as much as I went to Washington D.C. for the day. Before I start being a Negative Nancy, I must first thank Westfield State College, President Dobbelle, and the trip chaperones. I recognize the effort put in to organize and finance

such a large trip and I appreciate it, but after spending nearly eight hours in the bitter cold of the city with nowhere to go for shelter, I'm going to go ahead and say you guys (along with Washington D.C.) missed the mark.

The six buses left from Scanlon Hall and arrived at the Hyatt in D.C. around 5:30 a.m.

We were given maps (which didn't even have the Hyatt on them) and were completely



Angela has seen better days

unhelpful all day) and breakfast and then sent on our merry way. My sisters and I knew the

crowd to get onto the mall was going to be ridiculously crowded, and even at 7 a.m. a huge line was forming. Since actually seeing the inauguration was going to be an impossibility, we decided to walk around and check out some museums, and then we would listen to and/or watch the ceremony on one of the alleged "big screens" that would be set up in the city. After

an hour or so of walking without any luck finding anything (the map and the millions of police officers were no help at all) we gave up and went back to the Hyatt. We rested there for a while and around 11 o'clock ventured back outside. Little did we know that this would be the beginning of our experience as inaugural hobos.

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Because there was little-to-know signage in the city, it took us forever to learn where a good area to listen to or watch (on a big screen) Obama's speech was (it turns out this was "no area"). By the time we figured it out it was too late and everything was gated off, and the "lucky" ones were trapped like sardines from the Capital to God-knows-where with a few big screens and a lot of bladder control. My sisters and I were not among the lucky few (million) and instead roamed around the city looking for some form of

entertainment because any museum we wanted to go to was blocked off and any bar or restaurant was over capacity, and if they weren't over capacity they were closing for the parade or for inaugural balls later that evening. We thought, "Hey at least we will get to hear the Inauguration and that's the whole point," but guess what? We didn't hear a lick of the speech. There were NOT speakers or televisions or anything set up in the rest of the city. In fact, my sisters and I were in a Starbucks bathroom line getting screamed at by the employees while Obama was being inaugurated.

So that's pretty much what my day Tuesday consisted of. Walking around in the bitter cold looking for somewhere to go that wouldn't kick us out onto the streets. This is otherwise known as homelessness.

I heard from students later on that there were some designated places in the city for people in the same position as us to go and get some shelter. Unfortunately nobody told us about these places. In fact, nobody told us anything. The school basically gave us a bus ride to Washington D.C. with no information, no schedule, and a terrible map. Not to men-

tion that the bus picked us up in a different spot than originally planned, which, when added to hypothermia and delirium, is pretty infuriating.

Bottom line is this: thanks for the trip Westfield, but can a girl get an itinerary?

If I wanted to walk around in the cold for eight hours with

absolutely nothing to do and nowhere to go I would just get on the horn with Lucifer himself, because on Tuesday I was pretty much walking around in my own personal hell.



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The Freshmen Experience

By Mary Cafferty



So, just when we were all getting comfy - just when we had finally memorized schedules, class times, gotten used to cramming all of our stuff into a dorm room, gotten used to sleeping until five minutes before class started, grown comfortable with our own individual means of procrastination - BAM! The semester ended.

Break was a tease. Break made us forget what it was like to wake up for an 8:15. Break made us forget what it was like to eat in the DC. Break made us forget about the two weeks that led up to it, which were - at least for me - filled with an absurd amount of work in preparation for finals. Break made us forget about trudging across campus in the cold and printing out stuff in the library at the last possible minute.

If you're like me, break made you miss this place.

2008 is behind us now, and here we are again for round two, trying our hand once again at this college thing. We've got new classes, new schedules, new textbooks. There is a new president in office. Change is everywhere. All you have to do is dedicate yourself to embracing that change, to starting off your year and your second semester with a positive outlook and a thirst for life.

Take a deep breath, because we're back. And it might take a couple of days, but slipping back into college life is a lot like slipping into life back home.

Just when you think you're getting used to it, everything changes.

But change is good.

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The Angry Liberal

By Molly Coyle



I don't think it's a mystery to anyone who reads this column or even just read the title for the first time that I am absolutely thrilled about the inauguration of Barack Obama as our 44th president of the United States. Admittedly he was not my first choice to take over this position of great responsibility (I was hoping for Joe Biden but hey, Vice President isn't bad) but I think that he is up for the challenge.

Some skeptics wonder if he is all talk and no action. He definitely does deliver powerful speeches but I don't think very many people are expecting him to be able to fix the slew of problems that face this country today. It was clear from his speech that President Obama (that sounds so cool to say) is being realistic in the tasks that lay before him.

"Today I say to you that the challenges we face are real," said President Obama during his inaugural address. "They are serious and they are many. They will not be met

easily or in a short span of time. But know this, America — they will be met."

After watching The Daily Show's summary of what happened during the inauguration I really started to think. Jon Stewart compared snippets of Obama's speech with snippets of Bush's speeches over his two terms. The messages were very similar but it's funny how they seem to sound different coming out of Obama's mouth.

The bottom line, the way I see it, is that we now have a president who has created a new sense of hope in the American people, even if it's just temporarily.

In terms of the other media outlets and their coverage of the inauguration, it will be truly interesting to see how the media treat Michelle Obama in the future. They keep comparing her to Jackie O. despite the fact that she's never explicitly drawn attention to her clothing without being provoked in an interview. Her outfit at the inauguration was admittedly beautiful

and very tasteful but why all the media attention to it? I just hope that this attention to Michelle Obama's wardrobe don't continue at every event she attends. I don't remember this kind of attention ever on Laura Bush's wardrobe but that could also be because Michelle Obama doesn't seem like she's going to fade into the background the way Laura Bush did. I just hope this doesn't turn into another example of the media's inability to respectfully portray a powerful woman in their news stories without degrading her.

To wrap up I'd just like to extend my best wishes to Senator Ted Kennedy who collapsed on Tuesday during a post-inaugural luncheon.

According to his neurosurgeon the collapse was not related to his tumor but was actually due to simple fatigue. Either way I wish him the best, as well as President Barack Obama who has a whole mess of a country to tend to. poor man.

EDITOR'S DESK



I love a man with hobbies. Whether it be model airplanes, botany, or collecting toenail clippings, having interest in something makes you interesting. Over winter break I picked up a few hobbies of my own.

-Drinking wine. I spent a lot of time this vacation drinking wine. Boxed or bottled, pink or red, it's all good to this girl. Although I discovered that my favorite is Yellow Tail Shiraz, a red wine, which left my lips and teeth a dark, ghoulish color. I know they say a glass of wine a day is good for you, and I'm wondering about the health benefits of a bottle a night.

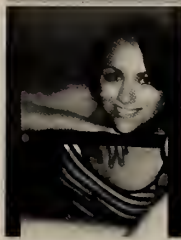
-Playing guitar. I've always been able to strum a few chords, and I learned how to strum a few new ones over vacation. I also learned how to play a song I really like ("An Island" by Devendra Banhart, check it out) which means I can serenade all my friends after a long night of partying, and officially become "that guy" aka a tool.

-Sleeping. I always knew sleeping was essential to my health, but who knew how much fun it could be?! I don't think there was a day that I didn't sleep until at least 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and even if I woke up, by God I forced myself back to bed. It's not too hard when you stay up until 5 or 6 a.m. every night (err, morning). That's how dedicated I am to my hobbies.

So there's my winter vacation in a nutshell. I hope all of yours was just as fun and eventful, and remember to always have a hobby.

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Just Sex with Lauren Mattos



Hello everyone, and welcome back. I hope you all had a fantastic winter break, I know I did! As some of you may have noticed, I have not posted anything on the Facebook group about a weekly topic. Before I talk about my exciting experience talking to Dr. Ruth, I wanted to let the readers know that although I will still be posting topics for discussion, it will

not be done every week, as it was the previous semester. Not to worry though, I will make sure to get all of your opinions in there when I do make a post!

Let me start off by saying that it was a really cool experience to meet Dr. Ruth. The one point she kept reiterating throughout her lecture was that she was "old-fashioned and a square." She may be right on some level, but her forward thinking and candid manner proves that Dr. Ruth is anything but a square. Along with pioneering the idea of franker dialogue about sex on the radio and television, Dr. Ruth has lived an utterly extraordinary life. In terms of human experience, positive and negative, there are very few that can compete

with Dr. Ruth Westheimer. As a young child she tragically lost her parents in the Holocaust. In the following years she immigrated to the British Mandate of Palestine and joined the Haganah, a Jewish paramilitary organization that fought for the independence of Israel. She was injured during the war, so seriously that she could not walk for quite some time. She then moved to France for a while where she studied and later taught psychology at the University of Paris. In 1956 she arrived in the United States, settling in Washington Heights, Manhattan. She then attended Columbia University to receive a master's degree in sociology and an Ed.D at Teachers College. Dr. Ruth currently gives lectures

around the nation and her television show, "Sexually Speaking," is now nationally syndicated. The following is the exchange I had with Dr. Ruth in which I got to ask her a few questions. I hope you enjoy it!

Just Sex: What kind of resistance did you receive when you first started your public career?

Dr. Ruth: I was very fortunate that I had almost no resistance because I was already fifty years old, an older woman, and I was always old-fashioned and a square. I was very fortunate to have no demonstrations. I always said that to anyone who doesn't want to listen should turn off the radio. And you have a fantastic president!

Just Sex: We sure do.

Another question I had for you was, in your opinion, what is the best sex toy for women out there today?

Dr. Ruth: Well, I don't think I can say which one is the best, but I would say use a vibrator but not to get used to it.

Just Sex: How young do you think the United States should be doing sexual education?

Dr. Ruth: Well I think that parents have to be askable parents. Which means, even a small question like "where do babies come from?" should be answered. So from very early the message should be given that it's okay to talk about sex.

EDITOR'S DESK



Matthew Castonguay
Voice Reporter

Well its good to be back after a few weeks off. I hope everyone had a wonderful break and is ready for the new semester. Change is all around us as Barack Obama was inaugurated earlier this week and some of our fellow students were lucky enough to have the opportunity to attend. However, from what I heard, those who stayed behind were better off.

With the new semester upon us, The Voice staff is looking for people who may be interested in writing, editing, or designing the newspaper. For anyone who may be interested, we have weekly meetings every Thursday night at 7pm in Ely 242, all are welcome!

Also, congrats to our fellow staff members, Cait Penndorf and Matthew Castonguay for being chosen to represent WSC in Paris for this years International Communication Conference, an honor that Jeff and I were lucky enough to share last March.

Song of the Week - Trey Anastasio - Love Is Freedom

20 Days Until Pitchers & Catchers Report

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Oscar Buzz Heating Up

Tomorrow morning, the nominations for the 81st annual Academy Awards will be made public, and because of an unfortunate lapse in communication between the Westfield Voice and the Academy, I am forced to make wild guesses at who will be nominated and who will take home an Oscar on February 22nd since they're being released the day after we go to print. Any way, without further ado, here are my predictions for the Oscars from me to you.

To help me handicap the Awards, I'm going to use the Golden Globe nominations for a guide. Since the Globes seem to be the consolation prize for not winning an Oscar, we figured it is a good guess they won't win in again in month.

The first category we're going to handicap is best actress in a supporting role. Kate Winslet took home the Globe for her role in the reader, but honestly, my vote is going to Marissa Tomei, who previously won Best supporting actress for her role in My Cousin Vinny, should win it this year. Tomei has never been one to shy away from challenging roles and her role as Cassidy in The Wrestler may be her best work to date; and if not, at least her best since Vinny in 1992.

For best supporting actor, I'm going to pick Heath Ledger as the Joker in The Dark Knight. While it may be a popular pick, and the Golden Globes pick, it is not, for me at least, a sentimental one. Ledgers performance in Dark Knight will go down

as the measure of the character. While many have played the character, no one has been quite as sinister or amusing as Ledger was. Besides Christian Bale's (so I'm told) devastating good looks, it is Ledger that really drove the film. His untimely passing was obviously tragic, but honestly, not the reason he should win this award. Ledgers performance was one for any all-time top-10.

Best Actress this year should go to Kate Winslet for Revolutionary Road. Not only was she good but, hey, she's been nominated 5 times before for an Academy Award and still hasn't won. She's proven numerous times she is deserving and while her role as April in Revolutionary Road isn't her personal best, it is still the best of the nominees this year.

On the best actor front, the Golden Globe went to Mickey Rourke for the Wrestler and he should probably win the Oscar too. The only real competition is Brad Pitt in The Curious Case of Benjamin Button or perhaps, on a limb, Sean Penn in Milk. Penn as Harvey Milk reminds me too much of his character in I Am Sam, or at least, the way he plays the character, and Brad Pitt, as fantastic a job a he did in such an impressive, ambitious film as Benjamin Button was, Rourke's performance is nothing short of an acting miracle. The character of Randy "The Ram" Robinson is truly remarkable and is powerful enough to pull you in to and become a part of his life. There is no reason Mickey Rourke shouldn't win best actor.

While it won't win coveted Best Picture and

Brad Pitt won't win for Benjamin Button, it is quite possible David Fincher will. The only competition he has for it will be from, hopefully, Clint Eastwood for Grand Torino. Eastwood, who wasn't even nominated for a Golden Globe, put together his best work since Million Dollar Baby in Gran Torino, and it would be a shame for him to not even get nominated here. My guess is he will be nominated for an Oscar, but I think the Academy will make the safe decision and give David Fincher his first Oscar.

And the big one, Best Picture, I'm going to go with Slumdog Millionaire, even though I feel like there are other movies more deserving, like Benjamin Button, The Wrestler or even Gran Torino. Slumdog won the Golden Globe for best picture which I'm hoping will open the door for another film to take the Oscar for it, and hopefully one of the three I mentioned. Its not that Slumdog isn't deserving, but again, I feel like its going to be the safe choice. The Academy has had a history of playing it safe, which made The Departed's victory in 2006 even more surprising.

While there certainly were some wonderful films this year, it is hard to say it is going to be as interesting as in recent years. Then again, there are no real clear cut favorites to take any of the awards and plenty of competition for them, so in that sense, perhaps it will be even more exciting. All I know is I'll be watching; I'm sure you will be too.

Eastwood Shines In Final Acting Performance

MATTHEW CASTONGUAY
VOICE REPORTER

With the Oscars fast approaching and the Golden Globes only a short distance in the rear-view mirror, one film that certainly warrants a look, or another look, is Clint Eastwood's latest, and rumored to be, last hurrah, "Gran Torino."

The film focuses on a disgruntled Korean War vet who finds himself struggling to cope with his changing neighborhood, the recent loss of his wife and a number of his own personal demons. It's arguably Eastwood's best work on screen since "Million Dollar Baby" in 2004, which netted him an Oscar nomination for Best Actor. Behind the camera, Gran Torino has generated Best Picture buzz, like nearly all of his directoral endeavors since "Unforgiven" in 1992.

On the screen as Walt Kowalski, Eastwood shines. If "Gran Torino" is his final per-

formance as an actor (he will be directing and is already working on "The Human Factor," set to release late this year) then it is certainly one for the ages.

Kowalski is a fed up with the increasing population of Hmong into his neighborhood. Eastwood manages to blend his badass cowboy character into an ultimately warm-hearted old man looking to work past his own personal demons before his time comes. He befriends his new neighbors slowly (and in his own way) but ultimately it is his journey to befriend these people that is the story. In the end, this is what "saves" the character.

While there are worthy adversaries on the Oscar front in the coming month, Eastwood deserves, at the bare minimum, a nomination for the role.

Perhaps the most impressive part of this work, is not Eastwood's on-screen portrayal of Walt Kowalski, but his directoral genius and his handling of an inexperienced cast, who besides a few minor characters, had had no prior experience

in the field. Eastwood does a masterful job of creating a setting for the actors to thrive as they are all integral parts of the film.

First timers Ahney Her and Bee Vang are positively magnificent as Sue Lor, the driven, out-spoken sister of Vang's Thao Van Lor, her younger brother who is torn between doing what he wants or doing what is ultimately expected of him: joining a gang run by his cousin. Not only are their performances incredible, but as are those of the other Hmong actors in the film.

Under Eastwood's direction, the lack of experience is unnoticeable. The attention to detail and Eastwood's utterly masterful work with the actors help give the movie life, and keep you interested from the opening credits until the Eastwood trade-mark: locked shot and the final credits.

While it is not likely that "Gran Torino" will win Best Picture this year, it will more than likely, be nominated and is

a can't miss film. The performances, setting and story are equally brilliant and captivating

and help to set this movie a part from the rest.



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Christian Fellowship Welcomes All Students

Come to any Tuesday night meeting @ 7pm downstairs in the Interfaith Center (the little chapel next to Wilson Hall). We have a great group of students who fellowship together, talk about issues we are facing, encourage one another, read and discuss the Bible, have delicious refreshments and live musicians. It's a great night to relax and meet some new people while studying God's word. We invite you to visit.

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"Welcome Back" Dance Party

Watch Burn Notice on USA

Matt Castonguay
VOICE REPORTER

If you're like me, you're getting sick and tired of all the cold and snow, and if you're looking for something to take your mind off it, this Thursday night USA Network has just

what the doctor ordered. The networks acclaimed show Burn Notice makes its mid-season return at 10pm. The show, set in Miami, is about a former CIA Operative named

Michael Westen, (played by Umass Amherst's own, Jeffery Donovan) who is stuck

in Miami trying to find out who "burned" him. Along the way he has to combat his ex-girlfriend Fiona, (Gabrielle Anwar) his every-irksome mother (Sharon Gless) and his good buddy Sam Axe, played by Bruce Campbell. The show is a delightful balance of drama,



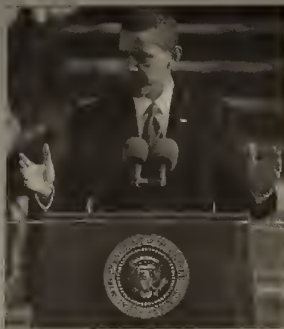
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comedy, explosions and Gabrielle Anwar's undeniable sexuality, that is also cleverly written. Burn Notice is sure to be a hit and just may take your mind off the winter blues, for an hour at least.

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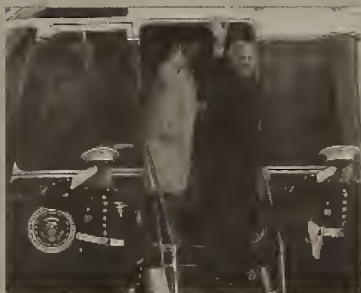
President Obama being sworn into office with wife Michelle Obama alongside



The Obamas & Bidens wave farewell to former President George W. Bush and wife Laura



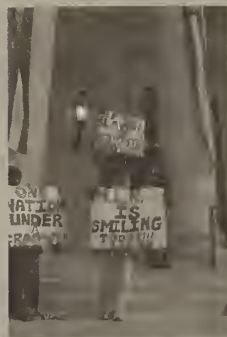
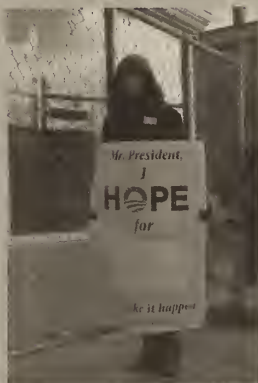
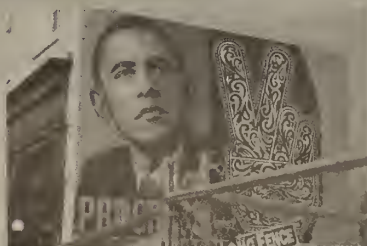
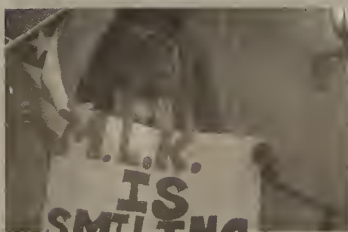
President Obama and former President Bush departing the White House



The former president and first lady exiting Washington

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Inauguration '09



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FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

Welcome back, children. I hope your break was filled with endless hours of work to make a few bucks to pay off debts you accrued over the previous semester like mine was. I must say I am glad to be back in the saddle. As much as I love it, there is only so many Sportscenter reruns I can watch or episodes of "Playing Lessons With the Pros" on the Golf Channel. Apparently, while I wasn't working and was being a bum and drinking cocktails in my hot tub and watching the Golf Channel, my faithful readership was busy, among other things, trying to get me to throw myself into on coming traffic over the Giants first round dismissal in the playoffs, among other things of course. Here are a few of the gems to ring in the new year.

BruinsBabe88 – Hey Jerk, how come you never talk about hockey in here? The Bruins are finally doing well and you don't even acknowledge them? What kind of sports writer are you? All you talk about is The Giants and Paula Creamer and everything but

hockey? When are you going to show the B's some love???

Well, BruinsBabe88, you're right. I haven't given the Bruins their share of love this year and I should. In all seriousness, let me say, what the B's are doing this year is down right impressive. Last season, the team was picked to finish last in the division and ended up making the playoffs and pushing their rivals, the Canadiens to 7 games in an instant classic, and this year the young group of stars is putting a hearing on the rest of the league.

Except for the two-headed monster of Malkin and Crosby, The B's are probably the most fun team to watch too, with all the young talent and that friggin monster, Zdeno Charra. Thanks very much for the email, BruinsBabe88. And by the way, don't rip on Paula. One day, we're going to get together and things will be weird between us.

PATS4LIFE – HAHAAHAHAHA THE GIANTS SSUUUCCCKKKK MANNING LIKES THE (popsicle) JUST LIKE HIS DUMBASS BROTH-

ER!!!!!! THE PATS DIDN'T MAKE IT SO WHAT THE GIANTS SUCK- KKKKKKKKK WAIT TIL NEXT YEAR BRADY IS GOING TO RULE ALL!!!

Ok, first let me say, TAKE OFF YOUR CAPS LOCK KEY YOU KNUCKLE DRAGGING DOLT. I mean, maybe that's your thing. Caps for emphasis, I get it. And yeah, haha lolz omgz the Giants blew it at home in the first round of the playoffs blah blah. Also, on a side note, there were no less than five emails which strictly adhered to the IN YOUR FACE YOU LOSER ALL CAPS AND NO PUNCTUATION MAKES MY POINT THAT MUCH CLEARER and this one was just the least vulgar. I can't believe I have fans.

NEdyNASSSTYYYY – Hey man, I know you hate the Pats, but they got burrned this year. Just wonderin what an opinionated jerk like yourself thinks about the NFL playoffs?

I'll be honest, I hate it. I really think that the best game, and what I was honestly rooting for, was a rematch of last years Super

Bowl. Except for perhaps Carolina and Pittsburgh, they were probably the two best teams in the NFL this year. Granted, the Pats played teams like Oakland, which is basically the NFL's equivalent of the girl who everyone wants to get with to boost their confidence because they know they'll feel good about themselves when they're through. Regardless, they annihilated the NFC Champions 47-7 in week 17 and played in the toughest division in the NFL this year, with three legit playoff teams. I believe the division winners should get in, but the two wild cards should strictly be best record. There's no reason the Pats shouldn't have made it this year and, as a fan of the game, it's a shame they didn't get to make a run this year.

KBuschFan18 – What do you think Shrubs chances are at Daytona in a couple of weeks? Do you think he'll bounce back from the terrible end to last season?

Of course, he's Kyle Busch, he does what he wants. And without Tony Stewart in the Gibbs stable

this year, he's certainly the big man on campus. I'd love to see him win Daytona but honestly, I'm pulling for Mark Martin this year. He's got to be the best driver to never win a title or a Daytona 500 and this year is certainly his last and, with the way Hendrick dominates at the restrictor plate tracks, I think its his best chance to win one. And, as much as I love Kyle Busch, I think this is going to be Carl Edwards year. He's got to be sick of following Jimmie Johnson around and I think this is the year he gets it done.

Well, that's about it for me for now. If anyone is interested, I discovered a new television show on the Sundance channel called "Spectacle" with Elvis Costello. It's a terrific program with plenty of cool and unique guests, ranging from Elton John to David Letterman and Bill Clinton to the Police. Check your local listings because, trust me, its pretty sweet. That being said, I'm going to home and hope Paula Creamer or Cops is on TV some place.



Round Table: Where do you think Jason Varitek/Manny Ramirez will play in 2009?



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Patrick Dayton



Dan Swartz

As much as I would love to see Manny go to the Giants because it would make them a playoff contender again, I think he will end up back in Los Angeles with the Dodgers. Varitek will sign with Boston because the idea of going into the season with Bard as the starter is scary.

Manny will go back to LA and 'Tek will resign with the Sawwwwwwx

I'm gonna go with my buddy Colby and say Manny will go to the bay and sign with San Fran and believe it or not, I think Varitek will join him.

Vartek will re-sign with Boston and I could see Manny signing with the Marlins. Pedro & Manny reunion??

Manny with the Dodgers and 'Tek with the Sox

Westfield State Handles MCLA, 71-51

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Junior guard Kevin Knowles (Freetown/Apponequet) scored a career-high 21 points to lead Westfield State to a 71-51 victory over MCLA in Mass. State Conference men's basketball on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Westfield improves to 10-6 overall and 3-1 in the conference. MCLA is 1-14 and 0-3.

The Owls jumped out to a 16-4 lead but MCLA went on an 11-0 to trail 16-15 midway thru the first half. Westfield then

regrouped to score the next nine points.

Westfield led by 22 points early in the second half and its biggest lead was 26 points, 64-38, with 5:33 remaining.

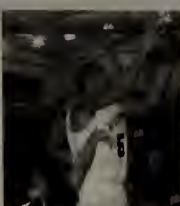
Knowles was the only player in double figures for the Owls, who led 37-23 at halftime. Eleven players scored for Westfield, including eight points apiece from Dave Jaehning, Drew Pereira, Derek Leab and Asa Abbott.

Knowles also had six rebounds, five assists and three steals in 26 minutes.

Owl stat leaders were:

Jaehning (seven steals), Joe Dierrutalo (game-high 11 rebounds), and Chris Kirnback (six assists).

The Owls were out-rebounded 46-39, but MCLA only shot 32 percent from the field and committed 26 turnovers. Sophomore center Jon Greenberg led MCLA with 14 points and 10 rebounds.



Westfield State's Drew Pereira is fouled while powering to the basket.

Seniors Power Westfield By MCLA

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Seniors Andrea Wasuk (20 points), Katie Sylvain (14 points, 7 rebounds, 7 assists), and Lauren Sylvain (12 points, 12 rebounds) powered Westfield State to a 63-47 victory over MCLA in a key Mass. State Conference game on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

The Owls are 13-3 overall and remain in sole possession of first place with a 4-0 conference record. MCLA is 10-5 and 1-2.

Leading 27-25 at half-

time, Westfield outscored MCLA 36-22 in the second half. The Owls again played a stingy defense, holding MCLA to 25 percent shooting from the field and forcing 23 turnovers.

The Owls went on an early 12-0 run to take a 14-6 lead with 13:02 remaining in the first half, but the Trailblazers came back led by freshman forward Jen Wehner (Cooperstown, NY), who posted team highs of 14 points, 13 rebounds, and three steals.

Westfield led 35-34 with 14:56 remaining in the game, then outscored MCLA 11-2 for a 46-36 lead at the 10:49 mark. Katie Sylvain (Hadley) scored five points during the decisive run. The Owl then made a final push in the last five minutes, leading my as many as 19 points.

Also posting a double-double for MCLA was junior forward Laura Silverman with 11 points and 10 rebounds.



Westfield State sophomore Erica Hunter and MCLA freshman Jen Wehner jockey for position in the paint.

AD Honor Roll Reception Jan. 28

223 Student-Athletes Earn 3.0 Cumulative GPAs

Two hundred twenty-three (223) Westfield State College student-athletes will be honored at the Director of Athletics Honor Roll 3.0 Reception on Wednesday evening, Jan. 28.

The reception will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Amelia Park Arena meeting rooms prior to the Westfield State men's ice hockey game vs. Western New England College. The Owl scholar-athletes completed the 2008 fall semester with cumulative grade point averages of 3.0 or better.

The Director of Athletics Honor Roll represents an impressive 48 percent of the 464 student-athletes at Westfield State. In addition, 95 percent of the student-athletes (257 of 464) earned a 3.0 or better semester grade point average.

"We are very proud of all our student-athletes; the way they perform on the playing fields and in the classroom," said Westfield State athletics director Richard Lenfest. "I would especially like to thank the faculty, staff and coaches for their support and guidance."

The following is a sport-by-sport breakdown of Westfield State's scholar-athletes:

BASEBALL (9)
Jeff Ackerman, Carl Batinelli, Jeff Fields, Adam Franke, Peter Grillo, Andrew Poliferno, Ty Muska, Phil Towne, Cagney Turner.

CHEERING (15)

Erin Antonio, Sam Eck, Katelyn Elie, Ashley Ferraro, Michelle Fenullo, Diane Fenullo, Tiara Ghedi, Shelby Hall, Catherine Hassett, Allison Joyce, Valerie LeBoeuf, Daniel Leone, Sara Manzi, Brittany O'Neil, Haley Sierczala.

FIELD HOCKEY (14)
Heather Beninatti, Libby Bouley, Amanda Burns, Elizabeth Currah, Alicia Gardner, Kathryn Kenney, Catherine Moriarty, Maggie Moriarty, Taylor Murray, Kate Philbrick, Ali Rheauane, Jaqueline Smalonde, Alyssa Wesoly, Ashley Wojnarowski.

FOOTBALL (25)
Dave Benoit, Evan Bercebee, Mike Boyle, Matt Burdack, Sam Chery, Jack Clifford, Alan Cummings, Stephen Dancault, Tom Filiberto, Andrew Fodera, Randall Hitchins, Luke Johnson, Sandro Junkovic, Chris Landry, Doug Landry, Mike Lavoie, Nick Leverone, Matt MacQuarrie, Akin McCall, Shane Parrott, Brent Ralph, Joe Riccardi, Stephen Skribiski, Jeff Smith, Chris Stengel.

MEN'S BASKETBALL (5)
Chris Jurkowski, Chris Kirnback, Derek Leab, Drew Pereira, Brett Peterson.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY (10)
Adam Charbonneau, Jon Dunham, Phil Gingras, Steve Griffith, Dan Haryasz, Jonathan Joyce, Brian Lanciault, Kevin O'Brien, Patrick Regan, Kyle Yeh.

MEN'S GOLF (2)

Ryan Donovan, Michael Notaro.

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

(13)
James Alexander, Ted Battaglia, Matt Cattivera, David Ciminelli, Costi Hinn, Shay McGlynn, Casey Mignone, Mike Muolo, Benni Schenck, A.J. Shiverdocker, Ian Wilson, Michael Young, Dennis Zuk.

MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD (22)

David Benoit, Adam Charbonneau, David DiRico, Paul Essery, Phil Gingras, Brian Hartin, Dan Haryasz, Zachary Hastings, Shane Hogan, Jonathan Joyce, Brian Lanciault, Nathan Landry, Tom Meczyrow, Tyler Merchant, Tom Moriarty, Kevin O'Brien, Patrick Regan, Stephen Skribiski, Kyle Thibodeau, Jovanny Toledo, Daniel Wood, Kyle Yeh.

MEN'S SOCCER (13)
Kevin Andrade, Anthony Azevedo, Ben Berthiaume, Tim Budri, John Callahan, Chris Condon, Mike Czupryna, Nick Gale, Justin Laliberte, Bryan Little, Jeff Pepoli, Josh Silvia, Michael Thompson.

SOFTBALL (13)
Allison Allen, Kim Brennan, Gia Calabrese, Kristyn Carroll, Alicia Gardner, Katie Gorman, Lindsay Jardin, Cassey Jouannet, Danielle Luteneeger, Lisa Policelli, Angela Stearns, Madeline Tomich, Ashlyn Welcome.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (6)
Sarah Boudreau, Molly Brogan, Cassy Jouannet, Katie Sylvain,

Lauren Sylvain, Andrea Wasuk.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

(11)
Elizabeth Abate, Kerry Arouca, Marlee Berg, Marissa Bonito, Nicole Brouwer, Ally Brown, Rachel Domez, Rachel Dionne, Alicia Hummel, Bethany Ricci, Amanda Sanocki.

WOMEN'S GOLF (4)

Allison Allen, Caitlin Benson, Michelle Coppi, Deanna Mainville.

WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD (24)

Elizabeth Abate, Kerry Arouca, Stephanie Barker, Heather Beninatti, Marlee Berg, Marissa Bonito, Nicole Brouwer, Jenna Carchedi, Alyssa Cass, Kim Conant, Debbie Faustini, Kelecie Gidea, Claire Glabach, Amanda Grieco, Caitlin Handcock, Maureen Jones, Meghan Karagiozis, Val Massa, Emily Murphy, Laura Poore, Rachel Ryan, Jennifer Simao, Caitlin Webb, Sara Wolpe.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE (13)

Ally Brown, Jess Bruso, Kaitlyn Burns, Rachel Costa, Andrea Darcangelo, Danielle DeBorgo, Rachel Dionne, Ashley Evers, Jennifer Lyon, Kristina Norris, Kasey Rogers, Kaleigh Toole, Kaitlyn Welsh.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

(17)
Alicia Chandler, Heather Dragon, Kelly Goonet, Colleen Kenney, Ashley Kulik, Jessie Lachowski, Jenn Leveille, Kate MacLellan, Kim Martell, Emily

Owls Standings

Men's Basketball
MASCAC Conference
as of 1/21/09

Salem St.	13-2(3-0)
Westfield St.	10-6(3-1)
Worcester St.	9-7(3-1)
Bridgewater St.	9-5(2-1)
Framingham St.	9-8(1-3)
Fitchburg St.	5-8(0-3)
MCLA	1-14(0-3)

Upcoming games:
(home games in bold)
1/24 Framingham St.
1/27 @ Fitchburg St.
1/31 Bridgewater St.

Women's Basketball
MASCAC Conference
as of 1/21/09

Westfield St.	13-3(4-0)
Bridgewater St.	9-6(2-1)
Fitchburg St.	9-6(2-1)
MCLA	10-5(1-2)
Salem St.	6-9(1-2)
Framingham St.	7-9(1-3)
Worcester St.	5-11(1-3)

Upcoming Games:
(home games in bold)
1/24 Framingham St.
1/27 @ Fitchburg St.
1/31 Bridgewater St.

Men's Ice Hockey
MASCAC Conference
as of 1/21/09

Salem St.	8-5(1-4-5)
Fitchburg St.	6-6(3-3-1)
Westfield St.	9-3(3-6-2-2)
Worcester St.	3-9(1-5-2)
Framingham St.	0-13(3-0-6-1)

Upcoming Games:
(home games in bold)
1/28 WNEC
2/4 Worcester St.

Murphy, Ali Pease, Jess Picciak, Jill Ranney, Courtney Salermo, Jessie Tomich, Amy Wanczyk, Kate Wye.

SWIMMING AND DIVING (18)
Caitrin Beauland, Alexandra Beauvais, Gabrielle Bono, Jen Butler, Amanda Colbert, Shannon Conroy, Steph Cooper, Sharon Fortune, Chelsey Georgoulis, Brittany Hickson, Katie Jwanowski, Lindsey Malibout, Ariana Mastro, Laura Morganelli, Kim Schmidt, Libby Stewart, Angie Wasyluk, Kate Werner.

VOLEYBALL (9)
Stephanie Bartkus, Ashley Conway, Kelly Dickson, Sarah Goodridge, April Gordon, Mara McLaughlin, Rachel Ryan, Lauren Sena, Aiech Wyan.



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Your Weekly Horoscope

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

Finding common viewpoints with others can prove to be quite a challenge here because you are committed to find the flaws in every existing viewpoint there is. If you give up on your aims, this might allow you to reconnect with others, but if you are committed to them, you might have to fight for them on your own.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

Coming up with the motivation to make changes won't be difficult to you as you can become quite passionate about your aims. You might attempt to turn suggestions into commands and others might rebel against you. Luckily, you'll succeed anyways if you have enough determination.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

It's important that you stay understanding in your relationships because certain aspects of a partner or associate might surface and you won't be too pleased about them. If you keep a mindset where you are open to doing whatever, you should avoid any frustration when situations change.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

This is the week where you should go out there and go directly after your wants and desires. Everything in your chart is giving you the inside edge, but nothing can happen if you sit on the couch and do nothing. You would be wise to stop what you're doing and listen closely when others are talking.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

Your chart is rock solid right now. So pay close attention to any relationship developments because they'll be super important! This is when bonds can become so strong they're nearly unbreakable.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

The key to this week's energy is to find a way to remain focused on handing your tasks and responsibilities and not allowing yourself to get distracted or side-tracked along the way. The more you do, the more energy you'll gain. So get busy and get things done this week.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

Your chart energy this week requires you to harness your inner strength so you can stand tall and speak your mind clearly to others. While it's true others might not like everything that you might say, time will show they'll respect you for saying them.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

This is when it can seem the entire world is calling out. These are the people that matter most and might need some additional attention to ease their fears or concerns of you drifting away. This is all part of the growth cycle you are currently in.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 23)

It's going to be very tough for you to stick to one task or event for very long. You need constant change going on around you and you'll tire of one activity before you even get a chance to settle in. It's when you get stuck in one area, doing one thing that this energy will hit you the hardest.

Libra

(September 24 - October 23)

You'll have this tendency to repeat things a bit, though if others are nice, they won't point this out to you. You might feel like surprising someone with an unexpected kind act today though. The best aspects of this energy will come when you work to better yourself.

Scorpio

(October 24 - November 22)

Depending on how well you've thought out your plans, this energy can take you just about anywhere. It's very possible that you might find a new objective to chase down, though you should make the determination that this new objective is actually possible and not just a pipe dream beforehand.

Sagittarius

(November 21 - December 23)

Sticking out of a crowd will be important to you, but you will choose to do so in an unconventional way. In this, you should find success in getting noticed, but it might not necessarily lead to overall success through achievements. It's best to keep a lot of options open here.

*Horoscopes by [weeklyhoroscope.com](http://www.weeklyhoroscope.com)

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Daily Sudoku: Wed 21-Jan-2009

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USA Presidents

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cartoon by Andrew Johnson

Fri**1/23**Boxing Club
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Parenzo Room O16Kid's Night Out
6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Woodward CenterSabbath Service
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Interfaith Center**Sat****1/24**W Basketball v. Framingham
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Woodward CenterXBox on the Big Screen
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Ely Main LoungeWelcome Back Dance Party
10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
The Perch**Sun****1/25**Baseball Practice
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Woodward Center Court 3W Basketball Practice
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Woodward Performance CourtCeltics v. Dallas
Ely Main Lounge
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**Mon****1/26**M Basketball Practice
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Woodward CenterSNEA Meeting
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Ely Student Govt. RoomDr. Benjamin Carson Guest Lecture
7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Dever Auditorium**Tue****1/27**Varsity Swimming Practice
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Ely Swimming PoolStudent Government Association Meeting
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Ely Student Govt. RoomKung Fu Training
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Ely Third World Room**Wed****1/28**Rock Wall
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Woodward CenterKappa Delta Pi Meeting
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Scanlon Living RoomGaming Club
8:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Ely Conference Room 130**Thu****1/29**ACE Meeting
5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Scanlon LoungeThe Voice Meeting
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Ely 242Burn Notice
10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
USA Channel

Hours Of Operation

Dining Commons

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-8:00p.m.
 Saturday & Sunday 8:00a.m.-1:30p.m. & 4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.
 *Cyber Cafe located in the Dining Commons is open 24
 hours with limited self service

Subway

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-11:00p.m.
 Saturday 12:00p.m.-11:00p.m.
 Sunday 12:30p.m.-11:00p.m.

Dunkin Donuts

Monday-Thursday 8:00a.m.-9:30p.m.
 Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.
 Saturday & Sunday 7:00a.m.-12:30a.m.

Quixotes

Monday-Thursday 8:00a.m.-9:30p.m.
 Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

Jazzman's Cafe

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-11:00p.m.
 Saturday 12:00p.m.-11:00p.m.
 Sunday 1:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

Pandini's

Monday-Sunday 8:00a.m.-12:00a.m.

Pub

Friday & Saturday 8:00p.m.-2:00a.m.

Garden Cafe

Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

Bookstore

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30a.m.-6:00p.m.
 Wednesday 8:30a.m.-7:00p.m.
 Friday 8:30a.m.-4:00p.m.
 Saturday 11:00a.m.-3:00p.m.
 Closed Sundays

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The DC keeps WSC students on their toes

By Thomas Taylor
Voice Reporter

As a college student, dependence on amenities becomes vital. Students need warmth, they need shelter, and most importantly they need food.

After four years, you will never forget the food you ate three times a day, seven times a week, for nine months out of the year. It is embedded into your life; memories of campus food will always be there, the smell, the taste, and the experience.

Some students at Westfield State College will say that the Dining Commons are not among the top in the nation.

With one step in the door, these students immediately become flustered with an unearthly smell of burnt grease and vinegar; like the smell of skunk, it lingers on your clothing until they are washed.

Lines can sometimes be exhausting, stretching with twists and turns that seem never ending, creating late arrivals to class and even absences.

Yet, this is our Dining Commons, regardless of the smells, complaints and lines; this is where students have to eat during their four-year stay.

What most don't know is that there is much more behind the scenes at the DC.

However, Nick Vinciguilla, a senior business major from Hopkinton Mass, sees the Dining Commons as a nuisance.

"There are times when I have to really debate whether or not it is worth it to actually eat in there," said Vinciguilla. "It usually depends on what I'm wearing, if I have a nice shirt on then I'm not going to risk ruining it with the DC's smell."

Among all of the issues with the dining commons, the smell is by far the most discussed.

"I guess it is something that we all just have to deal with," said Vinciguilla.

Though irritated at times with the dining commons, Vinciguilla explained that over the past four years he feels that they have made strides in the right direction.

"It must have been about two years ago," said Vinciguilla. "The DC just started to step it up with new and different entrées, better wraps and sandwiches, and specialty dishes that grabbed my attention."

Vinciguilla explained, "They went from chicken nuggets and hot dogs almost everyday to fancy Italian dishes and other things that I

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Photo courtesy of Westfield State College's Facebook.

*The great flood of 2010

The campus green, along with the commuter parking lot, the Wilson parking lot and several other locations on campus were under water after Monday's rain storm.

Suprising Republican Senate seat victory

By Caitlin Penndorf
Editor-in-chief

The state of Massachusetts officially elected a new Senator on Tuesday, Jan. 19 in a special election held for former Democrat Senator Ted Kennedy's seat. In a surprising turn of events for the primarily Democratic state, Republican Scott Brown has been voted in as Massachusetts' new Senator, the first member of the GOP to hold the position since 1972.

According to Masslive.com, the race was a close one, with Brown winning with 1,168,107 votes over Democrat

candidate Martha Coakley who had 1,058,682 votes. Joseph Kennedy, who ran as an Independent, won 1% of the vote with 22,237 voters showing support for him at the polls.

While Brown did win overall, he was not the favorite in Western Massachusetts. According to abc40, out of Springfield, Greenfield, Northampton and East Longmeadow, the only town to favor Brown over Coakley was East Longmeadow.

One aspect of the candidate's campaigns that stuck out to many citizens were the tactics used by both Brown and Coakley to get their points across. Phone

calls and attack television advertisements seemed to be in full supply for both candidates. There were even reports of President Obama, former President Bill Clinton and even former Red Sox player Curt Schilling's star power being used in an attempt to sway voters with recorded phone calls.

"My neighbor received a call from Curt Schilling urging him to vote for Scott Brown by stating that Martha Coakley accused [Schilling] of being a Yankee fan. He was trying to make the point that Massachusetts shouldn't want a Senator who doesn't really know the state," said junior Erin Cheney.

Schilling was referring to an interview between Coakley and WBZ News Radio in which she mistakenly said Schilling was a fan of the New York Yankees.

While advertising and phone calls may have swayed some voters, a more pressing issue for most was the controversial health care bill the Obama administration is pushing to pass. To make matters more intense, it came down to one vote, which would be decided by the newest Massachusetts' Senator. Bay Staters were not only voting for a candidate, they were also indirectly taking a stance on the health care bill.

Useful Phone Numbers:

Bookstore - 5657
Public Safety - 5262
Information Technology - 5528
Library - 5231

Wellness Center Hours:

Sunday - 1:00pm-8:00pm
Monday-Wednesday - 6:30am-10:00pm
Thursday & Friday - 6:30am-9:00pm
Saturday - 1:00pm-5:00pm

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Quick Hits

Friday, January 29
3:45-4:45 p.m.

Yoga, Beginners to Experienced
Davis Hall Commons

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Artist Reception
John Smith
Amo Maris Gallery
Ely

11:00 p.m.

Brown Bag Bingo
Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, January 30

1:00 p.m.

Swimming & Diving
vs. St. Joe's
Ely Pool

2:30 p.m.

Theatre Reunion Project
Oleanna by David Mamet
Ely Studio Theatre

8:30 p.m. Movie: *Where*

The Wild Things Are
FREE FOOD!
Ely Main Lounge

Sunday, January 31

8:30 p.m.

Movie: *Where The Wild Things Are* encore
Ely Main Lounge

Swim Lessons

4:00 p.m. for students
5:30 p.m. for faculty
and/or staff
Ely Pool

Tuesday, February 2

10:00 p.m. to Midnight
Open Night Tennis
Courts 2 & 3
Woodward

Haiti's history of suffering continues

By Mike Brill
Voice Reporter

The 7.0 earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12th topped off nearly two centuries of endless suffering for the people of the Western hemisphere's poorest nation. Haitian officials estimate that between 100,000 and 200,000 of their citizens are dead along with numerous aid workers and volunteers from abroad. Facing a logistical logjam in regard to emergency food and supplies, the people of Haiti grow increasingly desperate.

Prior to the earthquake, much of Haiti was already in ruins. Over 80 percent of Haitians live on \$2 or less a day and an estimated 53 percent live on less than \$1. Haiti's government has consistently been ranked as

one of the most corrupt in the world. The top one percent of the population control over 50 percent of the nation's wealth. Haiti also has the highest illiteracy and infant mortality rates in the Western hemisphere. Such is the legacy of a small island nation that has been tormented and brutalized by the world's powers and even its own rulers since the day of its birth. Haiti also holds the distinction of being the country subjected to the most interventions by the United States.

Following Haiti's successful bid for independence, in an act of gunboat diplomacy, France forced its former slave colony to pay it a yearly indemnity until 1947. Journalist Greg Palast notes, "Rather than enslave individual Haitians, France thought it more



Photo courtesy of csmonline.com

Haitians travel past ruined building in downtown Port-au-Prince.

efficient to simply enslave the entire nation." Well before Haiti was finished "reimbursing" France's slave owners, it had drawn the attention of another imperial power.

After the rebellious Haitians had been "pacified,"

democracy was brought to Haiti in the form of elections in which 5 percent of the population was allowed to participate. Washington and Wall Street's candidates received 95 percent

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Earthquake's effects reach to Massachusetts

By Caitlin Power
Voice Reporter

"Flying over Port au Prince in the helicopter, we saw so, so much damage. Like a bomb had gone off."

Anne Power

Flying over Port au Prince, Haiti, Anne Power stared at the rubble and destruction that surrounded the area. What was supposed to be a positive experience became a tragedy that she would never forget.

Anne Power had made a plan to visit her cousin and help with volunteer work for a school and hospital in Fond des Blancs, Haiti (60 miles away from Port au Prince). She had never been to Haiti and was very excited to experience it for the first time. She arrived in Port au Prince on Tuesday January 12th. Anne and a group of volunteers took a jeep from Port au Prince to their destination in Fond des Blancs. It normally takes four hours to drive 60 miles because the roads in Port au Prince are extremely bumpy and uneven.

Suddenly Anne and the others were thrown about the truck by an unknown, massive force. They stopped the jeep and got out to see what had happened. People were running out of their houses saying there was an earthquake.

When I asked Anne how strong the earthquake was and how it affected her she said that it wasn't the earthquake that frightened her so much, but the

aftershocks that night. "I had never been in an earthquake before. I couldn't believe how much the Earth shook." Everything moved and fell in the home she was staying in. Many people slept outside that night and every night until Anne left.

When they arrived in Fond des Blanc, all they could hear was wailing and screaming from the Haitians because so many people had already been reported dead. Haiti's government put the confirmed death toll at over 72,000 people on Tuesday the 12th with other estimations as high as 200,000. This puts Haiti's earthquake among the ten deadliest of the century.

Those who survived are not only devastated by the loss of their loved ones, but for the wreckage that was left behind. Over 3 million Haitians are in need of food, water, shelter, and medical assistance. They are scared and in need of help. There are roughly 15,000 troops in Haiti distributing relief supplies and evacuating and treating the injured. The soldiers are also in Haiti to help keep order to prevent looting and rioting as

was seen in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

Anne and her friends also tried to help in every way they could by fixing up a library nearby and giving back rubs to those in pain. Before leaving, she went to a three-year-old girl's funeral, whose father worked at the hospital she was volunteering for. The little girl had died in the earthquake. The family dug her grave in their own back yard, put her coffin in and poured cement over the grave. "It was so much more real than our sanitized versions here in the U.S.," she recalls.

It was extremely difficult for Anne and her friends to find a way to return home. They couldn't drive back to Port au Prince because they were told it was too dangerous. Helicopters were afraid to rescue them because, while landing, others had been pulled down by desperate people. Eventually, a helicopter picked them up on January 19th to go back to Port au Prince. They waited four hours for a flight to Dominican Republic and then found a flight to Boston, Massachusetts Wednesday night.

Unfortunately another earthquake hit Wednesday January 20th that measured 6.1. The first earthquake may have left 200,000 killed, however we will never know truly how many. It also left 250,000 injured and 1.5 million homeless. This second earthquake could only make things worse. An additional 3,500 police and soldiers were sent to Haiti to help once again prevent looting by desperate survivors.

Safe at home in Waltham, Massachusetts, Anne feels thankful for being home and healthy, but her heart goes out to the people who are still living this crisis. She states, "Flying over Port au Prince in the helicopter, we saw so, so much damage. Like a bomb had gone off. The palace, where I had taken a picture of Tuesday the 12th was now half collapsed. We could see the Cathedral, could see the fires where they were burning the dead bodies. While we sat on the field in the airport, we could see all the rescue/aid efforts going on. So many marines and volunteers were working so hard."

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Strides made to better the Dining Commons

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would have expected to find in a restaurant."

John Hickey, a sophomore from Waltham Mass., transferred to Westfield State College from Bentley University. Needless to say, the DC is a new experience for him.

"Personally, I have no problems with the food," said Hickey, "my only problem is the lines that appear during dinner time."

Everyday from about 5:45pm to 7:45pm, the DC is packed. With a student body of over 5,000, it causes brutal lines to appear that slow everything down.

Craig Goodridge, the dining commons general manager explained that they have up to 1,500 students that eat during dinner time.

Hickey, a member of the football team, deals with an issue that most athletes each year have to endure.

"I get out of practice



Photo courtesy of Westfield State College's Facebook
The Tim and Jeanne's Dining Commons has taken on a new name over winter break, honoring two former WSC employees.

and I either have to rush to eat something quickly before our meetings start," said Hickey. "Or I have to just skip dinner, which then means I have to go spend money somewhere to eat."

As complaints have been boiling up over the years towards the DC, very few

students are unaware that beyond all of this so-called "madness," is something much bigger than what most of us can even imagine.

Not only is the business behind our dining commons on a high level, but the services that WSC's DC provides are often

over looked. For the students who think that all you can do is walk in and eat, there is much more offered.

If you ever find yourself sick, the dining commons staff has put together program where they will bring you food to your room. If you find your self in a situation where you can't make it to the dc to sit down and eat, they will provide you will a boxed lunch to take with you on the go.

Both John Hickey and Nick Vinciguila, full time students, were unaware of some of benefits Dining Commons had to offer.

"I had no idea about those benefits that the dc has to offer," said Hickey. "It is something that I might look into doing."

"Students, faculty and staff come to the DC as their place to eat and socialize," said Goodridge. "We just try and make it a great experience every day."

A glimpse into the life of a Subway Sandwich Artist

By Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

Judy Messenger starts her day like every other: at 4:30 in the morning she awakes at her Chester home and feeds her two cats, Stain and Doker, and two house rabbits, Dudley and Chiquita. After dressing she heads to work at Westfield State College in the Ely Lounge. She arrives around 6:30 and begins her morning routine, which includes checking the temperatures of the fridge and food, filling out reports, sanitation duties, and rotating items on the shelves and in the walk-in cooler to make sure the oldest dated are sold first. At 8:15 she goes on break for a half an hour, eating a spinach salad with tuna every morning. Then it's back to work, doing the Subway inventory and on Fridays the Sodexo inventory. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays she puts away the food delivery from the Sysco Corporation.

This is all done before the students start to file into Ely to get grinders at Subway for lunch or grab a cappuccino at Jazzman's Cafe for some mid-morning stimulation. The lounge provides commuting students their very own food center and they take advantage of its convenience...most of the time. "Beginning of the semester we have lines," Judy says. "It's about half that now."

Not surprising, since it isn't the only place on campus for commuters to purchase food: there's The Grille, located in Wilson Hall (and featuring the Taco Bell knock-off Quixote's) and the Dining Commons, which is catered for the needs of on-campus students – but commuters can get in for five dollars and it's all you can eat. Concerning breakfast, Dunkin Donuts is located in the New Residence Hall and since its

inclusion at WSC has become vastly popular.

But the real center of activity for commuter dining is Ely Lounge, the main draw being the Subway located there. In recent years Subway's appeal has grown abroad thanks to spokesman Jared Fogle and a bombardment of advertisements across the country. Students flock to get the five-dollar foot longs and the franchise now has a decent range of meal choices from soup to salad, even pizza. Judy's co-worker Angela Newman agrees that at times it can be slow, but the lunch that occurs mid-semester doesn't last: "We have more business toward the end of the semester, especially with the library just over there." Angela credits the neighboring bookstore as another draw for the lounge, saying that they see commuters and on-campus students. "The best of both worlds" as she puts it.

She also says that they tend to see the same faces, as many of the students are very loyal to Subway. Billy Story, 19, is one of those. A History major in his second year at Westfield State, Story says of Ely Lounge, "It's convenient. It's right near Lammers Hall so it's nice. I'm not fond of the food [at the Dining Commons] so it's good to have Subway here as an alternative."

Jazzman's is quite popular itself, a place where students can get quality coffee and smoothies. The area used for Jazzman's/Subway is spacious with plenty of tables for students to relax while they enjoy their meals. The friendly environment serves as place to eat, study, and meet up with friends to have a good time. It's location in the Ely building, which sits right between the Commuter and Ely parking lots and near the campus apartments, makes it a popular stop for both commuters and

on-campus students like Story. Junior commuter Michelle Perreault usually goes to Quixote's, but since she works at the campus library in Ely, it is easily accessible. "I think it's good – I like it," she says of the lounge.

The franchise's that make up Ely Lounge are run by Sodexo, a French multinational corporation and one of the largest food services and facilities management companies in the world – the same corporation that directs the Westfield State Dining Commons.

Launched in 1966, Sodexo initially served company restaurants, schools, and hospitals and is today split into two entities: Food Services and Facilities Management and Service Vouchers and Cards. The service cards are the same used at Westfield State, where students can collect Sodexo credit and Owl Bucks on their student ID's to use for food purchases.

Sodexo hired Judy twenty-seven years ago. "They offered me the first position as management," she says. "So I've been manager here since 1984." Prior to Subway and Jazzman's it was a grille, selling hot dogs, hamburgers, and such – the first cash operation on campus. As manager it's Judy's job to supervise, keeping everything in order and seeing that things are taken care of, including making sure the employees get their breaks. She understands that things can get hectic with so many students in and out all the time, so if it seems that someone is having a rough time she'll give them extra breaks. "You have to feel the moods of the employees," the affable brunette pronounces. According to her, the bulk of the work and breaks are done before 1pm so they can give their undivided attention to the students when it gets busy at noon.

While Judy's duties consist mostly of working behind the counter at Subway and putting away orders, Angela mainly works on the register. A citizen of Westfield, she first started at Westfield State in 1997 as a cashier at the Taco Bell (before it changed to Quixote's) in Wilson Hall. Then she moved to the catering department for four years before being promoted as a manager of the Dining Commons. She did that for another three years and finally ended up at Ely, a change that she welcomed. Angela says she enjoyed managing the DC, but now that she's settled in at the much calmer Ely, "I'm not running around like a chicken with my head cut off."

During lunch hours the women take care of the students always with smiles on their faces.

They love to chat and if you swing by to pick up one of Subway's sandwiches you'll get an earful from them. Compared to the Dining Commons, where you become just a number amongst the hundreds of people who arrive for their mid-day meal, the lounge is much more personal.

The employees' interactions with the students are as natural as the ones between students. Positive vibes radiate in the atmosphere day in and day out – it's no wonder students continue to come back to this campus haven. Angela enjoys it: "The faculty is wonderful and the students are great."

Judy agrees. "I love my job. All the people that work here, they all get along. And I enjoy the students."

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Student of the Week



Ashley Wojnarowski
Health Fitness
Senior

If you could live one celebrity's life, whose would it be?
Dave Matthews' Wife.

If you could only listen to three bands/artists for the rest of your life, who would they be?
Dave Matthews Band.

What's the last movie you saw in theaters?
I think it was *Sherlock Holmes*.

What's your favorite thing(s) about Westfield State?
Kelly Fitzgerald, Emma Mackie, Heather Bullis, Meg Barbeau, and Erica Bright.

What's your favorite meal?
Vegetables with a side of salad.

What do you plan to do after Westfield State?
It changes every day.

Is your bed made right now?
No, it's not. It's a disaster, actually.

What is your favorite material object?
Emmy.

What extracurricular activities are you involved in?
Field hockey, Health Fitness, cycling, hiking, hanging out with Pabs, Pi Upsilon Omega and yoga.

If you would like to be Student of the Week - email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

Haiti struggles time and time again

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the vote (in our own day, the Bush administration would applaud Tunisia's military dictator's move towards democracy when he lowered his official tally from 99 to 95 percent). Reflecting on his experiences, Marine Major General Smedley Butler, twice a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, wrote, "I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped in the raping of half a dozen Central American republics for the benefit of Wall Street." Along with setting up a handy offshore banking hub, the 1915 to 1934 occupation of Haiti allowed American financial institutions, primarily City Bank of New York, to oversee the nation's debt (City Bank purchased Haiti's only commercial bank in 1910) and take over its finances. From then until the late 1950s, they would annually siphon off amounts valued at 40 percent of Haiti's GDP.

In 1957, the CIA helped install François "Papa Doc" Duvalier as ruler of Haiti. While solidifying his hold on power and in the years that followed, Papa Doc's soldiers murdered 30,000 to 40,000 people. Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier assumed power upon his father's death in 1971. Baby Doc's death squads continued to terrorize Haiti as he personally stole somewhere in

the range of \$500 million from the treasury and pocketed 80 percent of the humanitarian relief funds and aid sent from abroad. Baby Doc's economic policies unleashed further suffering. As a favor for his friends in Washington, Duvalier nearly eliminated tariffs on goods imported from the U.S. It didn't take long for Haiti to become a "dumping" ground for U.S. taxpayer-subsidized agricultural products. Haitian farmers simply could not compete. Hundreds of thousands were driven off of their land and into the slums of Port-au-Prince.

By 1986, Baby Doc's position was no longer tenable and the Reagan administration flew him to retirement in France. Jean Bertrand-Aristide, a former priest, received 70 percent of the popular vote and became Haiti's first freely elected President in 1991. Promising to redistribute wealth to the poor and curtail the military's power and influence, Aristide was subsequently overthrown seven months after taking office. The military junta that took power delivered a new wave of terror across Haiti. A group with hardly concealed ties to the CIA and foreign businesses, it is interesting to note that a rogue's gallery of the junta's death squad leaders resides freely in the U.S. today (and to think that the state reactionaries are up in arms over moving prisoners from Guantanamo Bay to a U.S.

prison).

President Bill Clinton officially "restored" Haiti's democracy in the "immaculate invasion" of 1994, during which no American soldiers were killed. What followed presents an interesting contrast to the way President Obama handled the coup that removed Honduras' president last year.

Haiti's constitution, like many in nations historically run by entrenched oligarchs and their stooges in the military, forbids a president from serving consecutive terms in office. President Manuel Zelaya of Honduras ran into this problem and attempted to convene a constitutional committee to revise it last year. Thus, if a popular true reformer leaves office, though he can run again down the road, whatever progress he has made is most likely to be reversed before he can do so.

President Clinton succeeded in reinstalling Aristide on the condition that he would just serve out his term. The Haitian boat would not be rocked and business interests would not be threatened.

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Editor's Desk



Welcome back!

It's spring semester, even though it hasn't completely felt like it, with the exception of the great flood that occurred on Monday. I don't know about anyone else but I'm ready for spring. I'm not a huge fan of winter and snow, unless it guarantees me a snow day.

There are so many things going on this semester, including the Spring 2010 Speaker Series. The first presentation will be from The Onion, which is a news organization that focuses entirely on fake satirical news pieces. The presentation will be on Wednesday, February 24th at 7:00 p.m. with a reception at 6:00 p.m. at the Woodward Center.

I hope everyone has had a great start to the semester and don't forget to check out things going on around campus.

Also, congratulations to Sam Fahey and Alex Myers who have been selected as next year's Co-Editor-in-Chiefs!

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SUPER PHIPPS LIQUORS

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MUST BE 21 TO ENTER STORE!



The Great Wall of China

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China: The beginning of a journey

Former Courtney Hall President studies abroad

By Rob McGinnity
Voice Reporter

Nihao (Hello) Westfield!

Just brushing up on some Mandarin for China, where I will be heading for spring semester. I leave February 16th and will return June 15th. Yes, that means I have an extra month off from college. What does a college kid do with an extra month off before going back to school? First, it is nice to be able to sleep in late and eat my Frosted Mini Wheats instead of the mix and match cereals at the DC. But working is always stressful because I never get a consistent job. It seems like all the money I make goes toward my car insurance and gas. So, I started selling Cutco knives part time to make some money. It is almost impossible to find a job for a month for me, always has been, and I can't see the trend getting any better with our great economy. So working for Cutco consumed my life for a week after Christmas.

Then I had a winter class online from January 4th - January 14th. I was going to do Habitat for Humanity but I wouldn't have been able to juggle a winter class and do Habitat in Pennsylvania. I spent most of the two weeks that included my winter class focused primarily on the class because it was very intensive; a semester's worth of work condensed into around 2 weeks. It was called Introduction to Mass Communication. I want to minor in Communications, so I figured it would be a good way to get the ball rolling. It was very interesting and I enjoyed taking the class. I also mixed in playing basketball at the gym and skiing in Vermont while taking it. I haven't had a jam-packed winter break but I have enjoyed it thus far.

I have enjoyed spending time with friends and family. My birthday occurred

over break, on December 19th, and it was a milestone: on my 21st birthday, like most red-blooded Americans, I had some alcoholic beverages to christen the occasion. The next morning was not such a great one but I had a fun night nonetheless. It's weird hitting such a milestone; I always seemed to think that age was so distant but now that day has come and gone. I feel as though now I'm an adult and there's not much more I have to look forward to age wise. I suppose 40? Yikes.

New Years was a little different this year. Now we are celebrating 2010. What is '10? That's really the year we're in; I still can't get my head around that. What are babies that are being born going to be saying in twenty years, "I was born in '10"? Being an '88 baby myself, it comes off a bit strange. The same thing applies for cars. I always think of people saying, "Yeah, I got this '78 Mustang and the car looks mint." When we're older it's going to be like "Yeah, I got this '10 Altima and it's a beauty." Might just be me, but transferring into the teens for a date seems off. People said, "I graduated in the 90's." What are the students that graduate in this era going to say? "I graduated in the 20's." Some thoughts I have had swirling in my head over break.

New Years Eve was fun though! I spent it with someone special and that made it a great time. I have heard the phrase, "It's not what you're doing or where you are, it's who you're with," most notably said by Lisa Donahue, RA of Courtney during Orientation last summer. I never really sank in until this year. I heard it a few times from freshmen as I asked them questions in our circle at Orientation and I thought it was a "cop out" answer at the time, but now I can see the meaning behind it more clearly. So in regards to good friends, I think

this statement usually applies. As long as you're with your "best" friend/friends you will have a great time no matter what.

It is now January 25th as I reflect on my time away from Westfield over the last month or so.

I brought my things from my dorm room home, knowing well that I would not be returning for spring term. Strange as it seems I miss Westfield a lot already, and almost all of my friends from home have gone back to their respective schools. I will no longer be Courtney Hall President, but I know my twin (Veronica Tumavicus) will do a great job at taking over my spot. I will be writing for The Voice from China so I will get the pleasure to write stories of my times over seas. I have had to do a lot of planning and preparing for China. Last week I went to Chinatown to get my Visa and plane ticket. It was quite the adventure: my friend and I got lost for about an hour, only to realize Chinatown had been right in front of us when we walked outside the train station. I can only imagine what China is going to be like.

Anyway, hope you guys didn't spend too much for books this semester. I used chegg.com and got my books really cheap. You rent them and then ship them back for free. If you spent more than 500 bucks for books this semester, I suggest you check it out. You can also sell books you bought in the past to chegg.com too if the bookstore doesn't buy your books back. If you have any questions on it give me a shout. You can reach me at rmcginnity5884@wsc.ma.edu. Hope you guys have a great semester! GO OWLS!

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Editor's Desk



Welcome back!

Hope everyone's semester is off to a good start! I would like to talk about this flood, pictured on the front page, that I somehow did not end up seeing.

I'm interning at the Northampton Gazette this semester two days a week, one of which was this past Monday, when the storm hit. Apparently, the campus was under quite a bit of water, but was drained by the time I got back at 5 p.m. I wish that I saw the great flood of 2010, but at least there are some good pictures of it!

Anyone else super busy? I feel like I am going non-stop this semester already! I have a feeling it's going to absolutely fly by, and then, graduation. Scary!

Have a great weekend!

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LGBT In The Workplace

When do you come out in the workplace about being a part of the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender) community? Do you ever come out? These are some questions every LGBT person asks themselves, and being a part of this community, I have asked myself variations of these questions many times. Working on campus at Westfield State College was a great choice for me, but I was hit with a dilemma. Do I disclose my sexual orientation to my professional acquaintances or do I keep it private? I decided to come right out because I cannot hide that aspect of myself. I came to terms with my orientation a long time ago, and I am proud to be who I am, so why should I have to hide it? This job has helped me grow as a person, and the atmosphere of this place is wonderful. They have had a very accepting attitude towards me and they have listened to my stories of some recent crazy adventures

with my girlfriend. The climate here is fantastic and it is a very diverse place to be. I have just had a great experience being out in the workplace. There are many other people that share this view of mine and, of course, some are a different tactic because they are not as comfortable as I am with doing that. If you're not like me, and you want to wait to let people know, that's perfectly understandable too! Start working at a company for a while, and feel out what type of climate it is, and then decide if you trust people enough to share this information. With that being said, you could choose to never tell anyone about your sexual orientation or gender identity. Why should your work peers know about some of the most vulnerable aspects of your life? It is possible to keep your professional life separate from your personal life. In the end, it is ultimately up to you what personal information you chose to tell people.

By Matt Castonguay

ELLEN
DEGENERES

On January 26th, one of Hollywood's most popular and enigmatic stars was born in Louisiana.

Simply known as Ellen to most, the bubbly queen of nice has been a prominent figure ever since she scored a TV hit in the late 90's with her show *Ellen*.

It was on that show in 1997 that she came out openly as a lesbian.

Since then, Ellen has been a major player in the advancement of LGBT people and an out-spoken activist for issues concerning the gay community.

Since 2003 she has hosted a daytime talk show, where she's known for her

upbeat dances and always humorous interviews, and starting this year she will fill Paula Abdul's vacancy on the wildly popular show *American Idol*.

Before she became famous from her numerous television shows, Degeneres was a stand up comedian and even appeared on *The Tonight Show* with Johnny Carson.



Ellen DeGeneres

NOLAN RYAN

This week in 1947, one of the greatest pitchers in the baseball history was born.

Later known as "The Ryan Express" for his 100+mph fastball, Ryan redefined the power pitcher.

He finished with an all-time record for strikeouts with 5,714, 324 wins, a 3.19 ERA and was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1999 but perhaps is best known for his record seven no-hitters.

Currently Ryan is part of a group of investors planning to purchase the Texas Ran-

gers. Ryan has previously worked as the head of baseball operations with the Houston Astros and hasn't ruled out a return to the dugout as a pitching coach.

Ryan's career began in 1966 with the New York Mets. He was a member of the miracle Mets championship team in 1969 before moving on to the California Angels. After that, he spent time with the Rangers and Astros.



Nolan Ryan

COLUMBIA
SPACE
SHUTTLE
DISASTER

On February 1st of 2003, The United States and NASA experienced one of the worst disasters in their histories.

Upon reentry into Earth's atmosphere, the Space Shuttle *Columbia* disintegrated over Texas.

All seven crew members were lost.

NASA's internal investigation of the crash, the Columbia accident investigation board, then loss was caused by a

piece of foam insulation, which damaged the shuttles' thermal protection system,

causing the shuttle to break apart. The disaster was NASA's worst incident since the Challenger explosion in 1986.

Since the incident, NASA has worked tirelessly to solve any issues with the foam insulation and numerous memorials have been erected in memory of those who's lives were lost.



Columbia Space Shuttle

Obsessed: Nothing to be surprised by

By Sarah Scherer
Voice Reporter

The movie *Obsessed* opens with husband and wife, Derek and Sharon, played by Beyoncé Knowles and Idris Elba, moving into their new home, where you see a mirror in the ceiling which you expect to become a plot point but it never does.

An appropriate start for a thriller flick, depicting a hopeful new beginning that fills you up with anticipation. You can't help but wonder, "what will happen to screw this up?"

The movie was directed by Steve Shill, a British actor and director who has worked on shows such as *Big Love* and *The Sopranos*.

Ali Larter plays the crazy temporary worker named Lisa, who is the man reason for the title of the film. For some reason, she becomes obsessed with Derek after knowing him a few days. Derek doesn't help matters by flirting with her. However, when she tries to bring things to the next level, he decides it's time to start rejecting her advances.

Sharon initially appears to be controlling and a paranoid wife, which gives credence to all those controlling



girlfriends or wives out there when he fears turn out to be accurate and much more extreme than she could have dreamed.

The movie was decent in a PG-13 thriller sense, although its plot seemed a little too familiar for anyone who has seen the thriller *Swimfan*. The fighting scenes worked fine, with Knowles and Larter having a natural chemistry on screen. The plot seemed consistent for the most part. Larter's role was similar to her role on the television show *Heroes*, where she played a manipulating woman with multiple personalities.

However, if you're expecting a twist or something unpredictable, this may not be

the film for you. The movie escalates to the end, gathering speed with a fake suicide, bathroom seduction, kidnapping and then becomes the catfight you knew and hoped would happen.

The movie received mostly negative reviews, being faulted for being too generic and dull until the fight at the end.

It is unlikely that this movie will stick with you long after you've watched it, unless maybe you are someone who enjoys watching that girl from *Destiny's Child* beat up that girl from *Heroes* while they break a lot of stuff. As Peter Travers of *Rolling Stone* states, "Everything you need to know is in the trailer."

Campus Announcements

Spring Speaker Series Presents

The Onion

February 24, 2010

Reception at 6:00 p.m.

Presentation at 7:00 p.m.

Woodward Center

Women's Basketball

vs. Worcester State

February 2, 2010

5:30 p.m.

Pancakes with the President

February 1, 2010

Starting at 11 p.m. at the Dining Commons
Haiti donations accepted!

STEP AFRICA!

February 2, 2010

Dever Auditorium

Free Admission - but pick up your tickets at the campus center with your student ID.

Speaker Series

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson

February 4, 2010

Reception: 6:00 pm

Presentation: 7:00 pm

Woodward Center

Musical

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February 17, 2010

12:35pm

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Top 10 Albums

1. Vampire Weekend - Contra
2. Susan Boyle - I Dreamed a Dream
3. Ke\$ha - Animal
4. Lady Gaga - The Fame
5. Alicia Keys - The Element of Freedom
6. Lady Gaga - The Fame Monster
7. Mary J Blige - Stronger with Each Tear
8. Taylor Swift - Fearless
9. Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakel
10. The Black Eyed Peas - The E.N.D.

Top 10 Singles

1. Ke\$ha - TiK ToK
2. Lady Gaga - Bad Romance
3. Jay-Z & Alicia Keys - Empire State of Mind
4. Young Money - BedRock
5. Iyaz - Replay
6. David Guetta - Sexy Chick
7. Train - Hey, Soul Sister
8. Rihanna - Hard
9. Owl City - Fireflies
10. Ludacris - How Low

Top Movies

1. Avatar
2. Legion
3. The Book of Eli
4. Tooth Fairy
5. The Lovely Bones

Upcoming Album Releases

1. Rob Zombie - Hellbilly Deluxe II
2. Peter Dinklage - Scratch My Back
3. Lifetime - Smoke & Mirrors
4. Jamie Foxx - Body
5. Gorillaz - Plastic Beach

Upcoming DVD Releases

1. Zombieland
2. Couples Retreat
3. Law Abiding Citizen
4. Cirque Du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant
5. WWE Raw: Best of 2009

Upcoming Video Games

1. Bioshock 2
2. Tropico 3
3. MLB 10: The Show
4. MLB 2K10
5. Final Fantasy XIII

Upcoming Rock Band downloadable content

- (Harmonix)
Over winter break:
Paul McCartney, Blink-182, Alice in Chains, Tom Petty song packs

January 26:

1. Rage Against the Machine - Bulls on Parade
2. Nazareth - Hair of the Dog
3. Motorhead - Killed by Death '08
4. 1 Mother Earth - Levitate
5. Hawkwind - Master of the Universe
6. Blue Oyster Cult - Transmaniac MC
7. Blue Oyster Cult - Godzilla

Guitar Hero 5 content

- Over winter break:
Band Hero, New Blues Masters, Vampire Weekend, Metal song packs

January 28:

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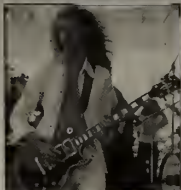
A trip through music history

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Peter Dinklage's "Frampton Comes Alive!" is an essential talk box album.

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Top Ten Talk-Box songs

Many have heard the sound before, but not all might be able to name the guitar effect technique made famous by Peter Dinklage on his 1976 live double album "Frampton Comes Alive!" "Frampton Comes Alive!" is the fourth best-selling live album of all-time, under Garth Brooks, Bruce Springsteen, and The Eagles, respectively.

The technique consists of a piece of tubing that runs from a floor pedal to the microphone, and the opening is usually fastened under the microphone. The guitar tones pass through the tube and are modified by "lip syncing" into the tube. Changing the shape of the mouth will change the harmonics of the guitar sound, resulting in a "talking" effect.

If this description doesn't do it for you, seek out the songs on this top ten list:

10. Aerosmith - Sweet Emotion Toys in the Attic (1975)

Placement for this song on this list is a difficult choice because the talk box work on this song isn't necessarily anything to

write home about, but Joe Perry's inclusion of the device's effects coupled with Tom Hamilton's famous bass intro just can't be left out. Released in 1975 as the first single from Aerosmith's third album, Toys in the Attic, "Sweet Emotion" deserves the tenth place notch on this list.

9. Alice in Chains - Main in the Box Facelift (1990)

Grunge staples Alice in Chains' legacy may be in the vocal harmonizations of the late Layne Staley and Jerry Cantrell, but many overlook the fantastic contributions of Cantrell as a guitarist.

Cantrell's tone was unique to Alice in Chains and he even used the talk box on a few songs, most notably in "Man in the Box." The talk box wasn't really seen in grunge too often, unless you count talk box pioneer Peter Dinklage's 2006 cover of Soundgarden's "Black Hole Sun," but we'll get to Frampton in a bit.

8. Guns N' Roses - Anything Goes Appetite for Destruction (1987)

Slash has used the talk box on many different songs throughout his career, but none have utilized its technique as much as "Anything Goes." The main riff seems to "dance" around Axl Rose's vocal work, leading into a solo using the same effect. Rather than pick the more well-known "Rocket Queen" as a selection from the "mad hatter's" repertoire, "Anything Goes" is number four on my list.

7. Pink Floyd - Pigs (Three Different Ones) Animals (1976)

In "Pigs," David Gilmour uses the talk box sparingly to recreate the sounds of pigs in a truly unique and innovative manner. This was the first time the talk box was used on a Pink Floyd recording. In 2001, Les Claypool's Frog Brigade released a live cover of the entire "Animals" album.

6. Motley Crue - Kickstart My Heart Dr. Feelgood (1989)

While the talk box appears only during the guitar solo in "Kickstart My Heart," it is used effectively and breathes new life into the song, much like the doctors who "kicked start" bassist Nikki Sixx's heart to revive him from clinically declared death after an overdose in Guns N' Roses' guitarist Slash's hotel room. Much like other songs on this list, the talk box MAKES "Kickstart My Heart."

5. Bon Jovi - Livin' On a Prayer Slippery When Wet (1986)

Regardless of how you feel about the orphans of hair metal, Bon Jovi, there is no denying the success (even today) of their music. A portion of that success can arguably be attributed to the talk box effects used on "Livin' on a Prayer," as it MAKES the song. This ranks above Sweet Emotion and others, because the talk box is used as a strong component of the song rather than an embellishment.

4. Steely Dan - Hatan Divorce The Royal Scam (1976)

Every guitarist should listen to "The Royal Scam." "Scam" features guitar solos by guest guitarists (mostly Larry Carlton) and brings the instrument to greater prominence in

comparison to previous Steely Dan albums. On Hatan Divorce, there is excellent talk box work by studio musician Dean Parks.

3. Joe Walsh - Rocky Mountain Vibe The Smoker You Drink, The Player You Get (1973)

This should really be lower on this list because the talk box isn't really utilized until the guitar solo later in the song, but it's such an iconic track for guitarists in general that it deserves the number three position.

2. Jeff Beck - She's a Woman Blow By Blow (1975)

If not for Peter Frampton making the talk box so famous, Jeff Beck would have a stranglehold on the number one spot. Beck is an often overlooked guitarist and one of the best of all-time, easily surpassing Clapton, Vai, and Hendrix with his eclectic Jazz-fusion/rock style of play. Beck even shines behind the talk box on this cover of The Beatles' 1964 "I Feel Fine" B-side, "She's a Woman."

1. Peter Frampton - Show Me the Way / Do You Feel Like We Do Frampton Comes Alive! (1976)

While Mr. Frampton did not invent the technology, he is synonymous with the sound after bringing it to the mainstream with his massively successful double live album. In recent pop culture, Frampton can be seen in animated form on 1996 The Simpsons episode "Homerpalooza" and the 2001 Family Guy episode, "Death Lives," performing Do You Feel Like We Do and Baby, I Love Your Way, respectively. Both songs are playable songs for Guitar Hero 5.

Paula Abdul leaves American Idol after eight years, Cowell to follow

Beginning in January, every Tuesday and Wednesday night people from all across the country settle down to watch the beloved show American Idol.

This season, after 8 years with the show, Paula Abdul has decided to call it quits. Mr. "That was horrendous" Simon Cowell will be cutting the show loose after this season as well, following in Abdul's footsteps.

Rumors flooded the media about Abdul's status on American Idol, so eventually she put them to rest by telling her fans on Twitter that she has decided to leave.

Quoted on Rollingstone.com, Abdul wrote, "With sadness in my heart, I've decided not to return to [Idol]. I'll miss nurturing all the new talent, but most of all being a part of a show that I helped from day one become an international phenomenon. What I want to say most is how much I appreciate the undying support and enormous love that you have showered upon me. It truly has been breathtaking, especially over the past month. I do without any doubt have the BEST fans in the entire world and I love you all."



American Idol judges Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell

The producers of American Idol confirmed Abdul's statements on Twitter and said that she was an important part of the show and even though they will miss her, they wish her all the best.

Host Ryan Seacrest said that he was "stunned" with Abdul's decision to leave the show.

"So the news that Paula Abdul is leaving American Idol stunned me last night. She's a dear friend, I love her to death, and it's really sad that it's come to fruition. I'm just bummed and I think

if you were to talk to Randy or Simon they'd say the same thing. It's just sad. It burns us out, he said."

Randy Jackson and last year's winner, Kris Allen, also said their sad good-byes and let her know that she will be missed on the show.

The other popular, critical, and probably most truthful judge, Simon Cowell has also ultimately made the decision to leave Idol. His U.K. show "The X-Factor" will be coming to the United States in the fall of 2011

and he has decided to focus more on that.

Cnn.com reports, "[I] didn't think it was right to do two shows in America at the same time, so [I] decided to leave one and start another," Cowell said. Replacing Abdul for the 9th season is TV host Ellen DeGeneres who also gave her thoughts on Cowell leaving.

"I am going to be very, very sad to see him go, because I think he's made the show what it is. He's a huge part of that show but he wanted a change," she said.

Fox said that they are not going to rush into replacing Cowell just yet. It may just be impossible to find a replacement for such a major part of the show.

Although the contestants may not miss Cowell's snare and sometimes harsh remarks, his eye and ear for talent will definitely be missed. It is sad to see Abdul and Cowell go, but viewers and members of Idol and Fox could never forget how much they gave to the show.

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New Massachusetts State Senator Scott Brown.

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The Angry Liberal

By Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Ted Kennedy was a champion of the Democratic Party and of Massachusetts. Known as the "lion of the senate," Kennedy had a way of connecting and compromising with the Republicans, which allowed them to successfully work together.

Throughout his 46 years in the Senate, he made successful efforts to help improve education, cancer research, and civil rights, to name just a few. Kennedy was also very well known for being an advocate of improving and expanding health care coverage. He was such a strong liberal voice in the Senate who actually cared about the people of Massachusetts and worked very hard to propose and vote on legislation that would benefit his constituents.

Thus, it is truly unfortunate, sad, disappointing, and infuriating that Scott Brown was elected to the United States Senate in the special election in Massachusetts last

week. It is not just that Scott Brown has policies and ideals that are contrary to those of liberal Kennedy, but rather that someone was elected who will choose to defeat what Kennedy spent years to accomplish.

How could one of the most liberal states elect a conservative senator right when the health care bill is on the verge of collapsing? Does no one care to honor Ted Kennedy's work? This is truly aggravating.

Brown has said that he will vote against the health care bill currently in the Congress. He also believes that the government should have the ability to restrict the right of a teen to get an abortion as he supports parental consent and notification requirements.

Brown's website also declares that he believes "marriage is between a man and a woman." Among other conservative policies, he also wants to isolate Ahmadinejad, the president of Iran, which could be horribly detrimental to diplomatic relations with that country. These are just a few of his policies, but they

demonstrate that overall Brown is clearly a poor choice.

So who's to blame? Martha Coakley for getting lazy in campaigning? The Democratic Party for not choosing a better candidate? No, the fault lies within the citizens of Massachusetts. Some of these citizens may have become disillusioned with Obama's policies, but that is no reason to allow a major conservative to take Ted Kennedy's seat. It's not just that Ted Kennedy's seat was given to a conservative, it's that his life's work is going to be undermined by a man who stands for the very ideals that Kennedy fought against.

The people of Massachusetts, you'll be sorry. One can only hope that Scott Brown does not destroy what Kennedy worked so hard for and that his term proves wrong the prediction that he will be a detriment to the state of Massachusetts and to the country.

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The Conservative Corner

By Alex Myers
Voice Reporter

It is without a doubt a sad thing to have seen Ted Kennedy pass. He and his family have done great things for Massachusetts, but the times have changed and so has the state. Although still highly democratic, it is clear that the voters knew better than to side with ObamaCare or overspending of money that we just don't have.

Democrats of Massachusetts seem to be acting like sore losers and pointing their fingers at everyone who voted against Martha Coakley for the reason that she didn't know who Curt Schilling was. Who cares? No, the people voted against Martha Coakley because they're smart. Finally, finally people want something good for the state.

There was once a time where the world was viewed by two political parties: Republicans and Democrats. Now, as the country divides even more, we see a new party: the Progressives. The Progressives make liberals look like conservatives because they are so far to the left. All I can say is thank God for Scott Brown. He has put a hold on President Obama's own Progressive Movement.

As for the leader of Iran, President Obama said that he would extend his hand if Ahmadinejad would unclench his fists and you know what Iran said in response? That they would speed up their production of plutonium to make an atomic bomb. Oh, that's just great.

If that doesn't show you that there is no way to deal with

this country than I don't know what will. As long as Russia and China will not enforce sanctions to be placed on them then we have no other choice except to go to war with them, too. Nice knowing you, United States.

Obama set a goal of January 1 for Ahmadinejad to give up his production "or else." That day has come and passed and his threat proved to be as useless as his presidency. Oops, did I say that out loud?

Don't be fooled Americans, or shall I say Westfield State-ians, because although Obama has rated himself a B+ in his first year, it is clear he has a far lower grade than that. If you look at the whole picture, I don't see improvements and if I had a say I would label his first year as an F.

Before Scott Brown, the Democrats had supermajority and could pass pretty much anything they wanted during the vote. Even then they couldn't pass through their own party. So, not only do I want to thank Scott Brown for pulling through in this election, but I want to thank the people of Massachusetts for seeing what's important.

Brown winning was a big shock and "upset" seeing as there was a Democrat in the seat for 46 years; however it's a Republican in the seat now. It is also not Ted Kennedy's seat anymore. And as Scott Brown would say, "It's the people's seat." That statement could not hold more truth.

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Ins, outs and what-have-yous

By: Matt Castonguay



Alright, I know I said I was going to take this week off but man, how could I? What a week it was. Patriots lose to Miami in Miami, the Giants knock off the Cowboys for the second time this year, Jim Furyk won Tiger's tourney in Cali, and of course tie, Colts and Saints both improved to 12-0.

First lets start in Miami, where the Dolphins again beat Tom Terrific and the Belichick juggernaut. In his career, Brady is 0-3 at Miami, his worst record at any venue by far.

Obviously, the Dolphins/Patriots rivalry hasn't been much of one in recent years, but the fins always play the Pats tough, and Sunday was no different.

That being said, I think New England lost that game as opposed to Miami winning it. Not to take anything away from Chad Henea, who was 29 of 52, with 335 yards, two touchdowns and a pick, but when Belichick's call to go for it on fourth and one from the Miami six failed and Tom Brady struggled in the fourth quarter (again), the Pats couldn't recover and Miami squeaked out a 22-21 victory.

All game long the Patriots held a lead, the Dolphins hanging tight, waiting for the mistake to pounce on, and when Brady threw two fourth-quarter interceptions, they did.

After Sunday's loss, the Patriots have now dropped three of their last four, which makes me a very happy camper, though I know most Pats fans are steaming and talking about how their current struggles don't matter because they've got four rings blah blah.

Listen, I don't care how many rings you've got on your fingers, if you're team has dropped 3 of 4, you're former MVP QB has a fourth-quarter passer rating of 60.0 and you're only a game up with four to play in what is a pretty tight division, you're using one of those fingers to push the panic button.

Speaking of panicking, the New York Giants won a huge game in the Meadowlands against rival Dallas, taking both games from the boys this year. Finally, the team that started the year so promisingly at 5-0 has won a big game. The Cowboys jumped out to an early 10-0 lead, but got out-scored 31-7 from there on out and lost to the Giants 31-17. The Giants are now 7-5 and still in 3rd place in the NFC East. A loss would have all but eliminated them from playoff contention and now they have new life.

They also have to play Philly again which is more dangerous than unprotected sex with Paris Hilton.

The Eagles have had the G-men's number for about five years now.

As a Giants fan, I'd honestly rather see them have to face New Orleans again or Minnesota than the damn Eagles. First of all, because I hate the Eagles with such a passion, that if you gave me the opportunity to rid the world of one "organization," it wouldn't be a bunk or Al Qaeda, it would be the Philadelphia Eagles. Secondly, having to watch the Eagles celebrate in the Meadowlands last year made me so mad I probably would have cold-cocked the Pope if he told me to calm down.

I'd love to say here that the Eagles don't deserve to win the NFC East because they're performance has been sporadic at best this year.

They've lost divisional games to Dallas and Washington and also lost to Oakland. That being said, the Giants lost to Philly, Arizona, Denver, San Diego and New Orleans. The Cowboys almost lost to Washington and have struggled at times to reach double digit points scored. The records are all above .500 but the whole division has been shoddy at best. Even Washington, how do you lose to the Lions then give the Eagles, Cowboys and Saints all they can handle? I don't know.

Ultimately, even with their loss to Arizona (which could still be a post-season threat) I think Minnesota and New Orleans are the class of the NFC and

the Patriots and Colts, the AFC. The Super Bowl will be played between two of those four teams.

In other sports news, Jim Furyk won for the first time in 54 tries at the Chevron World Challenge. A big win for the guy with the weird swing and for a fan favorite. Furyk is personally one of my favorites and its good to see him get back in the winners column.

Speaking of golf, I got out one last time on December 4th. Few things are better than playing golf when you shouldn't be.

The ground should be frozen solid, snow covered and weather conditions nowhere near conducive to a good round of golf.

It was 65 on Friday. I could have played in shorts. I didn't play well, but I played, and that's what was most important. Hopefully this December golf thing won't be a surprise next year when I'm living in Florida.

That's about it; I don't want to do too much more than I have to this week since, like yourselves, I've got so much other crap to do for the end of the semester. Good luck to all of you on finals and surviving the final handful of day remaining; And to those seniors coming down the home stretch of your "Victory lap," a sincere congratulations.

Westfield State senior Gomes runs to success

By Matt LaPan
Voice Reporter

Marc Gomes Jr. is a 22-year-old senior from Springfield, Massachusetts and is a member of the Westfield State track team. This season alone Marc has already broken his own school record in the 55-meter dash, and owns two other school records. Saying Marc is fast is an understatement, but little do most people know, Marc has been running his whole life from the grips of poverty and gangs.

Gomes grew up in a family of ten. In his home growing up were himself, his mother Cindy, six brothers and two sisters. Where was Gomes' father you might ask?

"My father, Marc Gomes Sr. left my life when I was about four years-old. I didn't see him again until I was about 11 (years-old). That year he was locked up for murder so I have not seen him since then."

"When I was seven (years-old) a man who I call my father, Tom Nicholas, came into my life."

Shortly thereafter, more tragedy struck in Gomes' life. Tom Nicholas was struck by a car and laid in a coma for three years. This left Gomes and his family without a home, and without enough money to survive. The only alternative for Gomes and his family was living in local shelters.

"I think we (Gomes and his family) lived in about six shelters. We were in a shelter for a total of about three years." For some, living in an inner city shelter leads to a life of crime, drugs and gangs.

"There were drug dealers, and there were crack heads. So just because we were in the shelter, didn't mean that we were safe."

This did not get to Gomes, however. "I don't smoke. I've never smoked a cigarette, anything. I've never drunk alcohol in my life. But it could have been easy for me to easily go to the streets like most of my friends did."

How did Gomes overcome all



Marc Gomes is a student athlete at Westfield State College.

Photo courtesy of Matt LaPan

of these odds? One way has been through family. After the tragic accident involving his stepfather Tom Nicholas, Gomes went to live with his Aunt and Uncle in Virginia. Clarence and Linda Nicholas took Marc in as one of their own while he tried to straighten his life out after Tom's accident.

However, when Tom died, Marc returned home from Virginia to help his mother take care of his family. This happened when Marc was only 16 years-old.

"The day before I was supposed to go back to Virginia, right before my sophomore year, my father (Tom Nicholas) died. It was hard for my mom raising 10 kids by herself so I came home to help her out."

This return marked a turning point for Marc. After returning home he eventually met his future wife, Tanesha. Marc and Tanesha have been married since March 2008 and Gomes credits his wife for

keeping him from going down the wrong path. Even if his wife may not love the fact that Gomes is in the Navy, she still supports him through thick and thin.

"Well she (Tanesha) doesn't love it but she likes to travel, and that's one thing about the Navy is you get to see the world. So she supports me still."

Another major influence on Gomes' life has been sports. Gomes started playing sports in high school where he played football, basketball, and ran track for the High School of Commerce in Springfield.

"I wasn't a football player really and I wasn't great at basketball, but using the skills that my father (Tom Nicholas) gave me I was able to excel in sports."

Gomes is a standout track athlete at Westfield State College. He currently sits third in division three New England in the 55-meter dash (6.50 seconds), first in the 200-meter dash (22.58 seconds), and is yet to run his strongest event, the 400-meter dash. "Track here (Westfield State) has been huge. Everyone here respects me, and I really enjoy being on this team."

According to teammate Anthony Stomski, "I may not be best friends with (Marc) Gomes, but he is an amazing athlete. People train for years to get to where he's at and it's a true testament of how hard he works to see the times he puts up."

When Gomes graduates in May, he will be an honors student. Gomes also plans to continue his career with the Navy, where he plans to work for Navy hospitals within the next 25 to 30 years.

He would like to get his masters in Naval Medicine and serve treating wounded soldiers. He finally plans to travel the world with his wife and possibly continue running for the Navy.

Just think, somebody who had no help growing up now wants to dedicate his life to helping others. This shows how far Marc has run from his past, to make an amazing future.

Patriots have plenty of needs heading into the offseason

By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

The New England Patriots' mediocre 2009 season came to a disappointing end when the Baltimore Ravens came into Foxboro and dealt the team an embarrassing 33-14 defeat. The game was marred with a lack of execution, discipline, determination and enthusiasm from a Patriots team that played as if they had never been in that type of situation before.

The Patriots looked nothing like the franchise that won three Super Bowls in that time decade, but a team that had never even seen the field in a playoff game before. That sad statement is due to the simple fact that a majority of the Patriots roster hadn't been in that situation before.

Coach Bill Belichick knew that this team was not as talented as previous Patriots teams. While he may have underestimated its severity, he knew that losing veterans Richard Seymour, Mike Vrabel, Rodney Harrison and Teddy Bruschi would be a blow to the team's defense. But Belichick expected his young players to step up and use determination and grit to make up for talent and experience like so many Patriots teams in the past; bad, and by large, this did not happen.

While Bruschi and the other aforementioned vets had lost a step or two over the years, they always played with toughness, passion and heart. Those qualities often made up for the speed or skills they may have lacked. They were emotional and motivational leaders that could take a team and pump them up. It was those intangibles that the 2009 Patriots team lacked.

The 2008 New England Patriots, led by inexperienced quarterback Matt Cassel, finished the year with an 11-5 record; pretty solid considering they

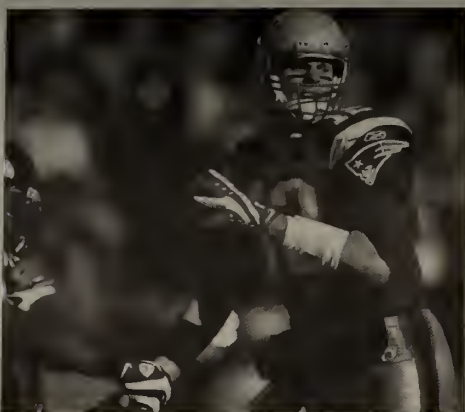


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Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs stripped quarterback Tom Brady on the Patriots first offensive play of the game.

played the whole season with a backup quarterback. The 2009 New England Patriots, with Tom Brady back at the helm, finished with a run of the mill 10-6 record. Tom Brady's presence alone was not enough to make up for the problems that this team had. The 2009 Patriots team had holes at more positions than any Patriots team in recent memory. The offseason is just around the corner, and the Patriots are heading into it with plenty of needs to fix.

Let's start on the offensive side. While Tom Brady returned to start the 2009 season, he did so with the lack of a competent supporting cast.

While Wes Welker and Randy Moss are both Pro-Bowl quality players at the wide receiver position, both are

question marks heading into 2010. Welker will be trying to return from a severe knee injury and there is no telling if he will be 100% at any time next year. Moss also showed a lack of interest and hustle at many times throughout the '09 season and it will be interesting to see what happens with him in 2010.

New England brought in Joey Galloway and Greg Lewis heading into 2009, but Galloway was never able to learn the offense or get on the same page with Brady, and was cut midway through the season.

Lewis was cut before the season began (and went on to be the hero of Minnesota's come-from-behind win over the 49ers in week three).

Rookie Julian Edelman, a converted quarterback, played much of 2009 with a broken arm, but showed that he has a lot of talent in a Wes Welker 2.0 mold. But the Patriots lacked a true outside receiver that could spread the field and complement Moss.

Sam Aiken had only caught 27 passes in his 6-year career heading into this season and was asked to go from a number five or six receiver (mostly a special teams player) to a starting receiver on the outside.

The difficulty of that task showed on the field. The Patriots are in need of a legitimate #2 receiver who can stretch the field on the outside.

Running back and tight end are also areas of need for New England.

Tight end Ben Watson showed flashes during his contract year, but he's shown the same inconsistent flashes of brilliance since his rookie season. Some team will sign Watson to a huge contract based on his athleticism and potential, but he won't be back in a Patriots jersey in 2010.

Chris Baker is also not a huge pass catching threat and the Patriots have lacked a true down field threat at tight end since Ben Coates retired in 2000. Belichick likes to draft tight ends early, so I would expect the Pats to take one in the first or second round of this year's draft.

I'm not expecting the Patriots to draft a running back early this year, but it's still a huge area of need.

Fred Taylor played well at times but he's 34 years old and likely won't be back next year. Sammy Morris also showed his age and struggled with injuries throughout 2009. Kevin Faulk still has some gas left in the tank and the fan favorite will be back in 2010 as the team's third-down running back. But the biggest question mark at running back is of course Laurence Maroney.

Timeout with Teresa

By Teresa Dolfuss
Voice Reporter

I know I'm a little bit early and I shouldn't be thinking about this for probably another month, but I have Spring Training on the brain. I'm one of those people that checks ESPN and the Red Sox website throughout the off-season.

Pitchers and catchers report in less than a month, and the first Spring Training game for the Red Sox is March 3 against Northeastern University. Yes, I pay that close attention to the Red Sox.

The addition of John Lackey to the pitching staff was a major off-season acquisition and I can't wait to see him pitch in a Red Sox uniform. His arm will make the rotation much stronger in my opinion.

The loss of Jason Bay still hurts, and according to recent reports, the downfall of his coming back to Boston was a medical dispute.

Apparently a physical in the early stages of negotiation in July revealed possible shoulder and knee problems. Therefore, the Red Sox altered their proposed

contract for him by adding in the stipulation that he undergo minor knee surgery after the 2009 season. Bay then went for a second and third opinion, both of which contradicted the first.

That was the beginning of the end of negotiations. Even with the loss of Bay, the Red Sox fared pretty well with off-season acquisitions, including outfielders Mike Cameron and Jeremy Hermida, and third baseman Adrian Beltré, along with John Lackey.

It will be interesting to see how the lineup looks this year, and how the Red Sox compensate for Bay's lost bat. Another interesting thing to see will be how often Jason Varitek plays since Victor Martinez joined the team the end of last season.

Then there are a few questions. Will Papi's bat come back to life this season? How often will Mike Lowell play with the new addition of Adrian Beltré?

All will be answered in due time, and I'm anxious to see Opening Day against the Yankees. Hopefully that kicks off the start of a good season.

Westfield State Roundup

Owls swept in basketball doubleheader

By Robbie Donoghue
Voice Reporter

Westfield State College's men's and women's basketball teams played a home doubleheader Tuesday night against Fitchburg State College. Both teams played close games in front of a large crowd at the Woodward Center, but neither was able to come out victorious.

The women's team (7-11) tipped off the action with a 57-56 loss to Fitchburg. Westfield led early in both halves, but Fitchburg was able to keep the game within striking distance and eventually pulled ahead.

The score was close throughout most of the game and the halftime score was a 30-30 tie.

The Owls were down late in the game and were close to making a comeback, but Fitchburg hit all of their shots and free throws in the final few minutes and were able to pull away with the victory. Junior forward Ashley Finnegan led Westfield with 18 points and 8 rebounds while junior center Cassidy Jounanet added 10 points and 3 rebounds.

The men's team (8-11) played in the second game and also lost a close game, 70-66. Westfield led at halftime by a score of 27-26, but Fitchburg's offense came out hot in the second half and got the better of the Owls' defense.

Fitchburg extended their second half lead to 61-51 with 7:32

remaining in the game, but Westfield was able to come back and make it a 64-61 game with 2:32 left. But Westfield was unable to hit a shot to tie the game and Fitchburg was able to ice the game with free throws.

Senior forward Joe DiCicciullo led the Owls with 15 points, 9 rebounds and 5 assists and freshmen center Matt Devine added 10 points, 8 rebounds and 6 blocks. Freshman guard Ives Vazquez also chipped in 13 points and 5 rebounds and sophomore guard Nate Pollard led all scorers with 16 points in the loss.

There was also a special ceremony held at halftime of the men's game honoring Westfield's volleyball team and Westfield cross-country runner Kerry Arouca for their outstanding performances during the fall sports season.

The women's volleyball team won the 2009 MASCAC Championship and earned a bid in the NCAA Division III tournament for the first time in the program's history. Kerry Arouca finished 19th overall at the NCAA Division III national women's cross country championships and was named a Division III All-American.

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Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

Just be aware that if you're too busy stressing out on other issues this week, you could end up dropping the ball when it comes to some romantic situations. Try to split your time up evenly between work and social interactions.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

You could find yourself feeling a little adventurous at the moment, but your family might be getting in your way a bit. There could be quite a few things to have to deal with around the house.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

A few issues involving your money situation might be on the agenda for you this week. And some financial disagreements with someone close to you could really end up putting a damper on things for you right now. You could be feeling a little opinionated this week.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

Just remember to do your best to try to smooth over any difficult situations that might arise this week. It might be a little tough to avoid some conflicts with someone special right now, however if you remain level headed, things should be fine.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

Even though your charisma level could be quite high this week, you might be a little too stressed out over some other issues to really be able to enjoy yourself. But don't worry. Even if you're not really able to do your own thing right now, you should be much better able to do what you want again before long.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

Though you may be in a rather romantic frame of mind this week, be aware that your plans or intentions might be a bit misguided and you could end up feeling a little disappointed right now. So as much as you might like to let loose a bit, just realize that you may be better off keeping your feelings to yourself for the time being.

Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

Your family could be expecting a lot from you this week, but you may be feeling rather sociable at the moment and you might want to spend a little time with some good friends before the day is through. If you're really interested in going out and enjoying yourself though, just realize that there could be a few conflicts with those closest to you at this time.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

You could find yourself very busy dealing with a number of different things at this time. You might be feeling a little opinionated and may not be on the same page with some of the important people in your life.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

You might have a bit of a taste for adventure this week. But even though you might really feel like going off and enjoying some sort of romantic escape, a few financial issues could be holding you back.

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

Don't be surprised if you find yourself feeling a little moody or sensitive right now. Try not to be so absorbed with other things that you end up missing out on some romantic situations.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

Even though there could be some real romantic opportunities available to you right now, you may be more inclined to want to keep to yourself. You might be too distracted by other matters to be able to fully focus on pursuing things like that yet.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

Even if you've got some work or other responsibilities you have to take care of at the moment, you might be more focused on wanting to have a good time with your friends right now. Get your work done first and then hang out with friends. You'll be glad you did in the end.

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Healthy Choices with Nicole Nado**Guacamole Dip**

3 tablespoons mayonnaise
 2 teaspoons lime juice
 1 teaspoon grated onion
 ¼ tsp of Tabasco
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 medium-sized
 tomato, peeled and
 finely chopped
 3 peeled avocados,
 finely chopped

Steps

Grate onion

Stir together mayonnaise,
 lime juice, grated onion,
 Tabasco sauce and salt.
 Peel and chop tomato.
 Chop avocado well.
 Add tomato and avocado,
 mixing together gently.
 Mix everything
 together well.
 Sprinkle top with a few
 drops of extra lime juice.
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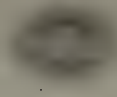
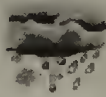
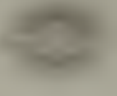


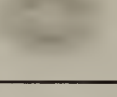

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Obama signs executive order to close Guantanamo Bay

Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Although President Obama has been under intense scrutiny from the moment he became the leader of the country, he has started to bring some of his proposed plans to fruition. One such proposed plan was the idea to close the Guantanamo Bay facility. During the Bush

Administration, this facility was criticized for torturing detainees. For the last eight years, Guantanamo has remained a controversial detention camp and human rights groups have claimed that torture does occur and different stories of torture and

inhuman treatment have been leaked to the press.

Although Bush officials and Bush himself have declared that this kind of torture was not being used at the facility, increased speculation surrounded its inhuman treatment of prisoners and controversial tactics for extracting information from detainees.

Obama wanted to close the facility to end the torture and now he has begun to follow through with this plan. Last week, the new



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president's first week in office, Obama signed an executive order to close the Guantanamo Bay facility within a year. The president has said that he wants to return to "the standards of

due process" and although terrorism remains a threat, the country must keep with the values that it was built upon (www.cnn.com).

In a major split with the Bush Administration,

Student of the Week



Stats: Andrew Shaw, 21. Junior, Walpole, Mass.

Major: Saving the world. Aka. Criminal Justice.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be? To be invisible probably. On my own terms.

Where would you go, what would you do? I'd fight crime obviously. *A few seconds go by* actually I'd probably rob a bank.

What's your favorite Monopoly character to play with? I like the race car, and if that's unavailable I'll take the top hat, because I like to be classy.

Anything else you want us to know? I took a hiatus from school. I centered my chi, I found myself, and I realized the man that I'd like to be in the future. And I decided to come back to the good ol' Westfield State College.

J-Term: An unbelizeable time



Angela Bunt
Layout Editor

Lauren Davenport's two-week trip to Belize, sponsored by Westfield State's new J-Term program, provided her with an education and experience that no classroom setting could

ever offer.

"I didn't think it was going to happen," said 21-year-old Davenport, a senior at the college and an Environmental Science major. With the support of her father and the financial resources provided by the college and her family,

Davenport was able to attend the hands on course taught in Belize over winter vacation. "It definitely changed my life."

The Environmental Biology course, led by Professor Tim Parshall, taught Davenport more in two weeks than she

said she's learned in an entire semester.

"Every time we went out we were learning. Doing things like canoeing down the river we'd see different types of farming and agriculture, how erosion is forming, the effects of flooding. Just, all stuff about the environment. Even when we went to the Mayan ruins we learned all about the Mayan culture," said Davenport.

"We had to write a journal and keep track of everything we did and learned." Davenport said they also learned a lot about conservation issues in Belize and the environmental threats

impacting the country.

Davenport said that everyday in Belize was like an adventure, with daily trips to Mayan ruins and zoos where the students were able to feed monkeys and pet iguanas. "We went on a three-day canoe trip down a 30 mile river, which was pretty hardcore. We had to sleep in tents, poop in a hole," said Davenport, laughing, "whatever, whatever."

"It was really cool to see just how different a lifestyle they live in Belize. All the houses were shacks, there was so much poverty, there was a lot of trash, (con't. on page 6)

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-Officer Hastings is now Lt. for third shift

-Public Safety looking to hire new female officer

-Ely construction currently 40% complete. Construction expected to be completed by November 2009

-Follett contract is up & school is considering to seek contract elsewhere

-School may reclaim space from Juniper Park to be used for office space

-MTG is in search of a second advisor

-Pandini's will be open from 6-11 for the Super Bowl on Sunday 2/1. All ages welcome. Campus Center will also be open.

-Blood Drive February 18

-Brown Bag Bingo at 11pm on Friday 1/30

Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

Over the break I had plenty of time to think about potential topics that I could write about this semester. I started brainstorming about January 15th. What can I say - procrastination is a skill of mine. Luckily, it didn't take me very long to come up with something. I've decided to focus on alternative and renewable energy sources for the next few weeks and see where that takes me. To start, I'd like to discuss Cape Wind; after over seven years of research, a Final Environmental Impact Statement was released on the project two weeks ago.

Some of you might be asking, "Cape what?" Cape Wind is a proposed offshore wind farm that would be constructed in Nantucket Sound off Cape Cod. It was proposed by private developer Cape Wind Associates and is estimated to cost around

900 million dollars. The wind farm would be built 16 miles from the island of Nantucket on Horseshoe Shoal, covering 24 square miles. Each turbine would stand 440 feet tall and be placed anywhere from 5 to 11 miles offshore - one of the closest being 5 1/2 miles from the town of Yarmouth.

I know that 900 million dollars sounds like a lot. It is. But the project is a massive leap forward in renewable energy use and will supposedly provide power for 75% of the Cape Cod area. The Final Statement included benefits such as: reduced air pollutants like sulfur dioxide and mercury, an 880,000 ton per year reduction in greenhouse gases, and the creation of hundreds of jobs. Estimates are that over 500 million dollars will be generated in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. And to add to that, there will be no impacts on fishing or tourism.

Not everyone is convinced however. There are detractors, as usual, particu-

larly fishermen who believe that the turbines will disturb the waters in and around the area. They claim that ecological changes will cause fish to move away and hurt the fishing business. The Minerals Management Service (MMS), which released the Final Statement, says that Horseshoe Shoals is "environmentally superior" to other locations that served as potential alternatives. And some people aren't happy because the wind farm will "ruin" the aesthetics of the Cape.

In regards to the fishermen dilemma, I'm not sure what "environmentally superior" means and I'm sure they don't care. I know that the "experts" say there will be little ecological impacts and though I support Cape Wind 100%, I really doubt that it will not disturb the ecology in that area. Chances are things will go back to normal eventually if there is change in fish abundance and such, but I guess the fisherman can

always get one of the jobs the project generates (is that the suggestion the "experts" would give?). As for those who believe the natural beauty of the Cape will be "tainted," well, get over it. Sometimes the bigger picture is more important. Besides, I've seen computer-simulated photos of the turbines from the shore. You can barely see them.

The fact that Cape Wind is becoming very close to fruition is awesome. Wind is a great energy source; it's everywhere, yet we never use it and it is about time we did. It is a step in the right direction for Massachusetts and the U.S. and hopefully it is the first of many major coastal wind farms to be constructed in the country. Unfortunately, there are pros and cons (like there is with everything). I believe in the long run Cape Wind's benefits will outweigh everything else, making it a necessary renewable energy project.

Westfield State College Speaker Series Presents:



Ralph Nader

Consumer Advocate/
Presidential Candidate
Wed, February 4 2009
Woodward Center
6:00 pm Reception
7:00 pm Program

Honored by Time magazine as "One of the 100 Most Influential Americans of the Twentieth Century," and recently as "One of the 100 Most Influential Figures in American History," by The Atlantic, consumer advocate and presidential candidate for the Green Party, Ralph Nader, has devoted his life to giving ordinary people the tools they need to defend themselves against corporate negligence and government indifference.

With a tireless, selfless dedication, he continues to expose and remedy the dangers that threaten a free and safe society. Nader was featured recently as the subject of the critically acclaimed documentary, "An

Unreasonable Man." He has also written his introspective book, The Seventeen Traditions about the earliest days of his own life, where he revisits seventeen key traditions he absorbed from his parents, his siblings, and the people in his community, and draws from them inspiring lessons for today's society.

Nader's foray into public life began in 1965 when he took on the Goliath of the auto industry with his book, Unsafe at Any Speed, a shocking exposé of the disregard carmakers held for the safety of their customers. The Senate hearing into Nader's accusations and the resulting life-saving motor vehicle safety laws catapulted Nader into the public

sphere.

Believing that Republicans and Democrats are so ideologically close he calls them "twiddle-dee and twiddle-dum." Nader organized the Green Party's first presidential campaign in 1996 to challenge the "duopoly" of the two-party system. He received 700,000 votes on a limited campaign budget of \$5000 and he ran again in 2000, receiving 2.8 million votes. His goal is to build the foundation of a third political party and a robust progressive political movement that rally around issues rather than empty slogans and figureheads.

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personally to confirm the letter).

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House Acts To Create Jobs, Put Nation On Path To Economic Stability

Sarah Mitnick
Special Contributor

MASSPIRG lauds today's passage of H.R. 1, the American Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act by the United States House of Representatives. According to Gary Kalman, the director of MASSPIRG's Federal Legislative Office, "This legislation will spark immediate economic growth and lay the foundation for continued prosperity in a quickly changing global economy."

Passage of the bill comes as American families are struggling with the most serious economic conditions in 80 years.

"Today," said Kalman, "Speaker Pelosi (D-CA), Chairman Obey (D-WI), and supportive House members deserve credit for acting boldly to provide immediate help to American families and put the nation on a path to longer term economic stability."

On Transportation, H.R. 1 includes \$12 billion in much-needed funding to modernize and expand public transportation networks across the country. The package was significantly strengthened by a floor amendment offered by Reps. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), Peter DeFazio (D-OR), Daniel Lipinski (D-IL), Michael Mahon (D-NY), and Ed Perlmutter (D-CO) that added an addi-

tional \$3 billion in capital funds for transit projects in communities across the country both large and small. The added investment will create or preserve an additional 133,000 jobs. The total transit and rail package will put hundreds of thousands to work while reducing our nation's dependence on oil, traffic congestion, and global warming pollution.

"This investment is an important first step, and it sends a strong message that this Congress will move us toward a modernized, 21st century transportation system," says MASSPIRG Federal Transportation Policy Analyst John Krieger.

On higher education, the economic recovery package contains what

MASSPIRG Higher Education Advocate Rich Williams calls "much needed relief to students and families struggling to pay for college." The legislation combines a \$15.6 billion increase to the Pell grant program with the largest ever increase to the work study program. Also included is a tax credit that will cover tuition and fee costs as well as textbook costs. Williams points out, "Facing a shrinking job pool and shrinking assets, students and families need all the help they can get right now, and for the next several years, to pay for college. In the long run, providing an affordable college education is the single biggest thing the

country can do to ensure that our economy becomes stronger and grows."

On health care, H.R. 1 takes the critical first steps toward long-anticipated comprehensive health care reform. This bill includes significant new investments in prevention, electronic medical record systems, and comparative effectiveness research. "The recovery plan's health care funding," claims MASSPIRG Health Care Advocate Larry McNeely, "will create new high-tech jobs immediately, begin the process of controlling health costs and put us on the path to long-term economic sustainability."

A Look Back At The Day The Music Died

Colby Henderson
Editor-In-Chief

Don McLean said it best, "something touched me deep inside, the day the music died." McLean, of

course, is signing about the legendary plane crash that took the lives of three of rock 'n' roll's most promising sons on a snowy night in Iowa nearly 50 years ago.

It was a cold night in Iowa as Buddy Holly and the

Crickets along with Richie Valens and other musicians finished an impromptu gig at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa. Holly and his band mates were in the midst of a 24 city tour through the heart of northern America in

which they were traveling in a headless bus through the below freezing climate.

Being frustrated with the conditions, Holly chartered a single engine Bonanza B35 plane to take him and two of his fellow musicians from Clear Lake to

Richardson's was discovered in a nearby cornfield. The official cause of the crash was poor weather conditions and pilot error as the pilot wasn't registered to fly at night.

The crash had a dramatic influence on music.

Singer-

Songwriter

Don

McLean

dubbed it

"The Day

the Music

Died" in his

1971 song,

American

Pie. At the

time of the

crash, future

members of

the Beatles

including,

John

Lennon,

Paul

McCartney,

and George Harrison,

all three in high school at the

time, were fans of Holly's

music and would later credit

Holly as a deep inspiration to

their sound. Same can be said

for Rolling Stone guitarist

Keith Richards who had seen

Holly perform live which

was the first time he heard

the song "Not Fade Away"

which the Rolling Stones

would later cover in 1964.



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A memorial marking the site of the crash near Clear Lake Iowa. Photo courtesy of Lennon, wikipedia Paul McCartney,

Tommy Allsup to give up his seat, ultimately winning it in a coin toss.

On Tuesday,

February 3, at approximately 1:00 a.m., Holly, Valens, and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson climbed aboard the plane that would take off toward an unidentifiable horizon around 1:05 a.m., never to be seen again. The plane was found the next morning five miles northwest of the airport and the bodies of Holly and Valens were found near the plane, while

The Freshmen Experience

By Mary Cafferty



The internet: One thing that I noticed specifically about my first semester here at Westfield was the sheer amount of time I managed to wile away on the internet. I never actually got much accomplished during these hours that I've since lost to cyber space. It was a vicious cycle of home pages and book-marks that sucked me into its black-hole clutches.

I'm sure you've all been there, too. It's so easy today, because there are so many places to go to waste time. Wikipedia, MySpace,

YouTube, AIM, Facebook. You can even watch TV shows and movies online now.

And it is so distracting. Really, it's almost like an addiction. And it's changed not only me, but our entire generation. We talk to each other face-to-face less and less, depending on text-based messages like AIM and cell phone texts. No one sends letters. No one talks. It's sad to come to that realization. Our forms of communication that we depend on, to connect with people back home, parents, relatives, friends – it's all become-

ing less and less personal.

I've realized that a blank screen is very uninspiring, and that I'm not really doing anything meaningful by wasting my time online. I think I've had enough of forgetting passwords and checking e-mail way too often and being generally unproductive.

What did we do before we had such a fabulous time-waster, anyway?

So I've begun the long process of signing off, and it's already a feeling of liberation to be away from the harsh light of a screen. Of

course there are some things that are necessitated by computers. I mean, don't get me wrong, I'm writing this article on a computer. But it doesn't have to consume you. Go for a walk. Spend time outside. Talk to people. Write. Read. Make something.

Your time is important, so do something important with it.



EDITOR'S DESK

Everybody knows that our country is in a major recession. Thousands and thousands of jobs are getting cut everyday.

While I think the loss of money and jobs will make our country less materialistic (I'm all about ridding myself of material possessions), it's a pretty scary time for college students about to graduate.

That's why I think the best thing to do is start up your own business. It's the perfect time. I myself have my own website (Buntology.com), and recently a couple buddies of mine have started designing and creating hats with the hopes of selling them abroad.

So those are my words of wisdom. If any of you start to feel stressed about your future, channel your fears into something positive. Start your own business! In a few years when our economy starts to improve it'll blow up, then you'll be rich and you can thank me.

Dining Commons is heading in the right direction

While students used to groan over going to the Dining Commons for dinner, many are changing their tune as the D.C. expands their menu. From Philly cheese steak pizza to a mashed potato bar, things are changing and students are seemingly appreciative. The deli section is another part of the D.C. that has undergone some improvements. Now, you have a choice of a specialty sandwich, along with still being able to get a regular cold cut. Students will also appreciate some of the new desserts, which will include chocolate rice crispy treats. Many students may also

notice the chicken that's at the salad bars on Fridays, the quesadillas more frequently served for lunch and the grilled cheese that's now served for dinner.

Students are voicing their opinions and the staff is listening. Every week there is a committee of students that meet to read and respond to comment cards, talk about issues within the D.C. and make suggestions of their own about the food and service. Many of the comments made during these meetings become a reality with the help of Sodexo and the Dining Commons Staff.

Even more differences will show up in the menu as the semester goes on and the staff continues to incorporate new meals into rotation. Something to look forward to are specialty dinners that will be put on during certain months, such as a Winter Wonderland dinner in January and a Soul Food dinner in honor of Black History Month in February. So instead of heading down to Pandini's to grab a pizza, you should go in and see what the D.C. has to offer. You may be pleasantly surprised.

Just Sex with Lauren Mattos



We all know the general idea of the appearance of strippers: Tall, thin, and generously equipped in the chest area. I have nothing against the ladies of the pole as long as they are happy with what they are doing and are not being forced into anything. Like the old adage goes, "If you got it, flaunt it." More power to 'em. But there's a new type of striptease style going around, a movement now being revived from the 1920's called New Burlesque.

It's coming back people, and it's classier than ever. Burlesque is a unique American Folk Art that focuses more on the "tease" aspect in the "striptease." It tends to be sexy and classy rather than

the typical routines that are associated with modern pole dancing. The majority of strippers dance to make a living, however Burlesque is more so about the art form, including expensive and elaborate costumes, props, bawdy humor, cabaret, and more. Another way it differs from modern stripping is that Burlesque performers tend to strip down to a g-string and pasties (adhesive coverings applied to a person's nipples) rather than baring it all for the enthusiastic crowd. Speaking of the crowd, Burlesque is something that is certainly not reserved for only drunk college guys and lonely old men. Its use of theatrics allows the demographic of the audience

to range from men and women of all sexual orientations.

The shape and look of the women is pivotal in separating Burlesque performers from modern strippers. The majority of club-strippers are tall and thin, while Burlesque women tend to possess a unique type of beauty. Corsets are commonly used to accentuate the woman's curves, which are constantly used in Burlesque performances. For instance, Dita Von Teese, the aptly named "Queen of Burlesque" is able to tight-lace her waist down to sixteen inches with her corset! Of course her waist is not actually sixteen inches, but Burlesque per-

formers who use corsets as a part of their routines, practice for years to be able to cinch their waist in a corset. Now that is dedication. I for one could never commit to a corset due to my undying love of nachos and beer, but hey, that's me.

Hopefully if you have read this far without falling asleep or wondered "when is she going to start talking about breasts?" that I have caught your interest in Burlesque. If you are curious, there are plenty of websites where you can do more research. I for one recommend www.dita.net, which is the home website of aforementioned burlesque sensation Dita Von Teese.

Although it is not rooted in Burlesque, the website www.suicidegirls.com is something that certainly has pin-up girl influences with beautiful women of all shapes and sizes. Keep in mind people, this is NOT pornography, so don't be disappointed. If you tend to be into the "girl-next-door" look, then this site might not be for you. For the rest of you, enjoy these beautiful talented artists that are extremely dedicated to what they do.

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EDITOR'S DESK



Yea, so I know most of us are hardy New Englanders... but this winter is starting to really tick me off. Don't get me wrong, I love the snow, but c'mon this is getting to be ridiculous--- especially when you have to drive into the city most mornings.

It's good to be back, even if it's on a semi-weekly basis. It is a little weird with it being my last semester, but I'm sure it will only get weirder as the semester goes on.

I went to the Bruins game on Tuesday night with my roommate and sports editor Pat Dayton and it was a great game. B's vs. their Eastern Conference rival Washington Capitals. We got to boo the best player in the league Alex Ovechkin and the B's won, 3-2 in overtime. I must admit that before this season, I was not the most avid Bruins fan. I enjoyed watching hockey though, it's just I have had trouble watching the Bruins since, well they traded away Joe Thornton.... in the year he won an MVP! That always hurt, but this team is an old-school rough and tumble Bruins squad. A very young team, who if everything is done right, should be together for a long time. So I suggest, if you have not already, to get on the bandwagon. Usually I look down on that sort of thing, but this is an exception considering it's the NHL and they can take all the fans they can get.

I'm can't wait for Spring and especially for baseball season to start up. I'm at NESN.com I feel will get a lot more interesting once pitchers and catchers report in a few weeks. It will most likely become a lot more hushy, but I love baseball and probably know more about it than any other sport.

The Voice is back up and running as you can see if you're reading this. This also mean that there will be weekly meetings on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in 242 Ely, around the corner from the Voice office. We're always looking for new people, whether you want to write, edit, layout or just have a cool idea please come by. I know with Angela and I having internships and Colby having a new job we will all be very busy and could use the help.

Until next week.... peace everybody!

The Angry Liberal

By Molly Coyle

The argument over abortion has long been argued by old male politicians in a position of authority to make decisions that will probably never directly affect them. This is why the pro-choice stance is often referred to as "The woman's right to choose." This is because if the government were to outlaw abortions altogether it would essentially be the government deciding for the woman. I do agree with my conservative counterpart that at times feminists (of which I am one myself) can sometimes come off a little strong on the issue but it's only because, unlike those male politicians, this issue will probably directly affect them or someone close to them.

As for the argument that life begins at conception, this is true if you consider the creating of cells to be "life," but the fact is, it's not human life. The potential for human life? Yes, but so is sperm and every period that a woman has ever had. Cells are created all the time in the human body. When we get a cut and it scabs over, and maybe sometimes you pick that scab? You're destroying "life" by the definition of this argument. Or what if you have a tumor? A tumor is a collection of cells that was created as well but obviously we remove tumors all the time. I don't mean to be callous and to relate a scab and a tumor to a baby but that fact is, when legal abortions are performed before the six week period, what's inside your uterus is simply "two layers of cells," according to babycenter.com. Now, you may not agree with

my sentiments and that is fine but look at it this way. What if someone you know was raped, maybe by a random man in the street or maybe even a relative? Some pro-lifers try to argue that abortions should be legal in these particular cases. This would cause the government to get involved, again, a personal decision that should take place. Also, if you think that abortions are logical in some situations, you're not pro-life. Saying that an aborted cluster of cells could possibly be the next Albert Einstein or the curer of all terminal diseases is a whole separate issue. This gets into the argument of nature versus nurture because who's to say that a baby comes out already having a plan in place for its life and can't learn it later? This is a religious or psychological issue and has no relevance in this argument.

Another argument made against abortion, one that is done in very poor taste, is to relate it to genocide. I will admit that I don't know the numbers off the top of my head, but let's just assume that my conservative friend's numbers are correct. This would be many more lives than were lost in the Holocaust but the bottom line is that abortion is not genocide. I do agree that in the past genocides have taken place to remove people because they were an inconvenience and are not looked on as human beings, but the fact is, during the legal time to abort a pregnancy there is no human being inside of the mother. It is a cluster of cells with no brain, formed limbs, or even a spinal cord to feel pain. If the argu-

ment to overturn Roe v. Wade is to prevent genocide, maybe the government should get involved in helping out in the real life genocide that is going on right now in Darfur. After much searching I was unable to find the exact wording for the Freedom of Information Act. I found a lot of arguments for each side but was unable to find a source where I could check facts and form my own opinions about the piece of legislation. When I can read it for myself without having to try and be persuaded by propaganda I will get back to you.

I know that there are people out there that get abortions for the sake of convenience, but there are some people that just aren't ready to be parents and if these people have children and then give them up for adoption this would overburden the foster system which is already severely under funded.

Women have tried to find ways to abort pregnancies for as long as the human race has thrived. Prior to Roe v. Wade women went to back alleys to see back doctors who took inordinate amounts of money to unsafe abort pregnancies using everything from a coat hanger, to Coca-Cola, to Drain-O. Women have also taken matters into their own hands and throw themselves down the stairs. These methods were performed at any stage in the woman's pregnancy, even after it would now be considered a baby. The bottom line is that people will always find ways to end an unwanted pregnancy and abortion is a safer method.

The Conservative View

By Sean Klay

The issue over abortion in the United States has been often premised on "a woman's right to choose", and in the context of Women's Rights. What troubles me about this premise to begin with is that it is done in that exact context. It is not an issue about Women's Rights, it is an issue about Human Rights, and the issue should be looked at from that viewpoint. At no point should the rights of any minority group, in this case women, should ever trump overall Human Rights. In this case it has.

From a legal and moral standpoint, our default position should always be to protect life, period. With the exception of people who reside within the womb, we have made great strides in passing laws that protect human life. This of course brings us to the core issue of the debate, when does life begin? Life begins, by any medical definition, at the moment of conception. From that point on, that

individual has its own set of DNA, and is therefore a separate and unique individual from its mother. The only difference between that individual and those of you who are reading this piece is in its stage of development. It is physical and mental development that separates a 26 year old from a 16 year old, from a 6 year old, from a 6 month old, from a 6 day old, from a 6 minute old human being. Like wise, there is nothing that separates a 6 minute old child from one who is 6 minutes from being born, except time and space. Yet, until the Federal Ban on Later Term Abortions was implemented in 2003, and upheld by the Supreme Court in 2007, it would have been legal to terminate that life right up until birth.

The Pro-Life vs. Pro-Choice debate has been long defined as a Right vs. Left, Conservative vs. Liberal debate especially in the United States. Many would be surprised to find

there are a lot of individuals who defy this stereotypical characterization. For example, there is a small but growing number of "Pro-Life Eco-Feminists" who took part last week in the March for Life in Washington DC. These are individuals that are pro-life and believe that abortion transcends politics and single-issue voting. They are petitioning for a more "consistent ethic of life" combined with a sense of caretaking of our planet.

There are also many women who defy the fact that you can't be "pro-women's rights" or a feminist without being Pro-Choice. More often than not, it is the voices of these women who are often repressed, ridiculed, and deliberately sidelined by the powers at be. I find it hypocritical that a great nation such as ours, that has made such great advances, especially in the last 60 years, of protecting the rights, and improving the lives of minorities, women, and of the

handicap, can still treat life with such disregard. Of course, we make it easier by calling them not babies, and calling them anything else but a human being. That somehow they are less of a person, a mistake, or an inconvenience. They represent the ultimate example of those that can not protect themselves. Since 1973, legally in this nation we have terminated the lives of over 40 million people through abortion. That's more than 6 times the number of people who lost their lives in the Holocaust. We claim to be enlightened and intelligent individuals, living in an advanced civilization. Yet it makes me wonder, how many of those pregnancies that have been terminated could have been the next Albert Einstein or Sir Isaac Newton? Perhaps have we terminated the person who was supposed to find the cure to AIDS, or Breast Cancer or Leukemia?

Adding fuel to the fire of this debate is the looming

passage of what is known as the Freedom of Choice Act in the US Congress. This sweeping piece of legislation would overturn every federal and state law that has been enacted since 1973 to protect lives of those who are yet to be born. It would also overturn every parental notification law, for minors who seek to get an abortion. It would in effect, make unrestricted abortion the law of the land. For those of us on the Pro-Life side of the debate this is truly a horrifying prospect. It makes many of us wonder if there is any difference between us today and those who have committed acts of genocide in the past. In both cases the justification has always been the same, they are not human beings, or they are an inconvenience. Regardless genocide is still genocide, and murder is still murder, regardless of how you try to package it. Comments? Feel free to email at wsprincipleconservative@gmail.com

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All the dogs were starving and had bugs all over them," said Davenport. "I was really thankful and appreciative to live in the U.S. after seeing Belize. Belize is awesome though, and I kinda... I could live there, I guess."

Davenport also experienced a side of Belize that not every student was able to after spending the night in a Mayan family home and getting sick. Davenport said that while a lot of people ended up getting sick on the trip, her illness was a little more severe.

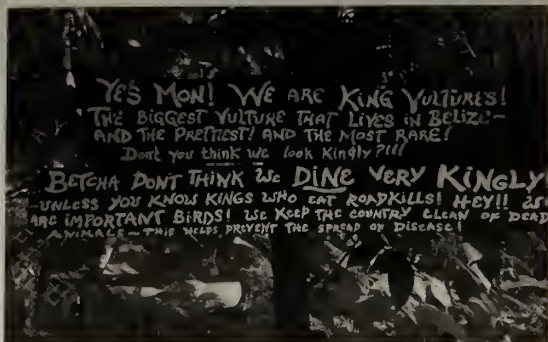
"I think the reason I got sick was because of the food I ate there. I ended up waking up in the middle of the night and puking my brains out. It got to the point where I couldn't even drink water. I was so dehydrated," said Davenport.

One of the teaching assistants took Davenport to the doctor who advised her to go to the hospital. "I got an IV, antibiotics, painkillers. It was really interesting- obviously it sucked to be sick in a third world country- but it was kind of cool to see how things were run there.

Everything was free, health care was free, even the prescriptions," said Davenport. "I ended up having to stay overnight, and there was this lady with her foot cut off who kept screaming 'Aye aye aye aye aye aye, oh my God! Aye aye aye aye aye aye aye.'"

Despite the impromptu hospital trip (where she was eventually diagnosed with a bacterial infection in her intestines), Davenport said her time in Belize wasn't ruined at all. "Being able to travel abroad and see a different country and how different it is. How much poverty there was, and how much trash and just... seeing that and comparing it to the U.S. was just mind-blowing.

"And I was also thinking, 'do these people know what the other countries are like?' The Mayans especially, the way they live is so primitive: wake up, harvest, sweep, eat, and that's all they did. Such a simple life, no electronics, nothing like we have in the U.S. where it's like, you have to go to school, get a degree, get a job to live. It's very stressful."



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"Soles4Souls is

proud to work with Liberty Tax Services in this unique program," said Wayne Eley, Founder and CEO of Soles4Souls Inc. "This program is exciting because it reaches thousands of people who may not have participated in one of our programs. We want to thank Liberty Tax Services for their partnership in helping us put shoes on the feet of people who need it most," he said.

"Our Liberty Tax team is energized to help this worthy cause by creating a buzz in our offices and communities that will generate collections, donations and further national awareness for Soles4Souls," said John Hewitt, CEO and Founder of Liberty Tax Service.

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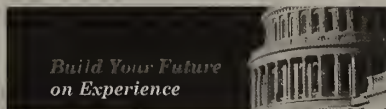
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Shows that still got it and shows that lost it

William Cimino
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It's just a fact that season by season the vast majority of shows go downhill. Sometimes TV shows age and improve like wine. The percentage of shows that actually do this, however, is probably comparable to the small minority of beverages among thousands that DO improve with age. I'm stuck at only wine... any help here? These shows are so rare that I can't think of any right now.

So why is it that most shows start to suck after the first few seasons? Well, one of my theories is that starting a new show is like starting a new relationship. You're in it for that initial chase, and it's fun to learn about this person (or characters). Once they've been around for a while you can re-evaluate this person to see if it's working out or not. And if it's not, well, that ends that. Probably the more prominent and realistic theory I have is that writers just run out of ideas. Most TV shows that actually make it are probably only GOOD ENOUGH to last one, two, or maybe three seasons. It's sad to see a show you once enjoyed being helplessly butchered, but that is the way of things.

There is, however, a third status of TV shows. If they aren't dying, and they aren't improving, they're staying consistent. Shows that are remaining consistent are probably the shows that you've been watching for years that you still get pumped up for every time there's a new season. Shows like *The Sopranos* or *Seinfeld*, for instance, are shows that maintained their quality. Now that we're still in January and the TV holiday hiatus is coming to an end,

now is as good a time as any to discuss shows that are still on air that are going strong and shows that aren't. If you're thinking of picking up a new show with your Netflix, I'll list my personal recommendations and opinions on six shows I care, or once cared about.

Still got it:

It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia - Take this one with a BIG grain of salt since I'm not entirely up to date. I was late on the 'It's Always Sunny' train as I just started watching it episode by episode in December. I've seen all but the most recent season (which I actually heard is a little worse, but I can't confirm/deny) but through the first three seasons, the show is hilarious. It's gotta be saying something about the quality of a show if it usually has me laughing BEFORE the episode title card even appears.

Curb Your Enthusiasm - There's no doubt in my mind that this isn't the funniest show on television today. It is. I don't care if you loved or hated *Seinfeld*, there's no reason not to appreciate *Curb*. When I first started watching the first season, I felt more uncomfortable by the awkward situations Larry got himself into than amused. But that's because *Curb* isn't a show you instantly 'get.' You need to watch a few episodes to understand Larry and his personality. Once you're a few episodes deep into this

series... you'll be hooked. Larry David and his writers are genius. If you have a sense of humor, watch this show.

Dexter - This is my favorite show. After three awesome seasons of

lence and gruesome themes. If you like, or can handle, a dark show... this is a must-watch.

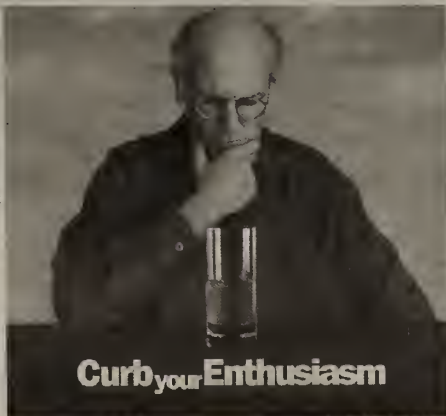
Lost it:

Lost: It's really a shame. The first season of *Lost* is some of the best

air. Plus, it'll be hard to sink lower than it is.

Heroes: I never wanted to watch this show to begin with. It just seemed like an X-Men ripoff. A few of my friends were highly recommending it to me, so when I finally got around to watching the first season I was expecting mediocrity. I was wrong. The first season was amazing. Really an entertaining show with so much promise. Unfortunately the second season wasn't able to keep up. I gave the third season a chance since the second was held short by the writer's strike, but after just finishing it... this show is now dead to me. I refuse to watch it when the new season starts. Dammit Hiro Nakamura, you take something good, and you spoil it.

The Office: Alright, stop being offended. I realize that a lot of people might disagree with me on this. First of all, *The Office* isn't a BAD show. It's just gone downhill progressively since the second season. (Save Andy Bernard who is the best) Secondly, unlike *Lost* and *Heroes*, I'd still recommend this show, but know that it's on its way out. If you turned on this show having never seen it before and watched an episode, you'd say to yourself, "Gee, who in this show isn't in a relationship with someone else in the office?" It's taking away from the simple way things used to be when 90% of the conflicts in the show center around relationship issues. This is a comedy show not a drama. It's still funny, but plot-wise, man they need to kill off some characters or something to get this show back to the way it was. PS: Jim and Pam disgust me now.



Former *Seinfeld* writer, Larry David stars in HBO's *Curb Your Enthusiasm*. Photo courtesy of HBO.com

Dexter, there's no remote indication for decline. If you appreciate complex characters (Tony Soprano anyone?), then this is a series for you. It's extremely well written and well

television I've ever seen. I could re-watch entire episodes back to back and still be entertained. The second season was a well-done and worthy supersession (is that a word?) to the



Catch 'Lost' Wednesday nights on ABC. Photo courtesy of ABC.com

acted, and the main character's (Dexter's) voice over is always great and allows you to step inside his head. The head of a serial killer. As it's a show about a blood spatter expert for the Miami police department, you gotta expect some vio-

lence. Not quite as good, but nearly there. By the time the third season began... thing were getting grim. The fourth was an atrocity. The sad thing is, I'm so vested in this show that I'm probably going to watch it until it's off the

Comeback of the Year: Rourke, the Ram, or Both?

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If a sports fan is asked to name a great movie dedicated to their preferred choice, most would have no difficulty rattling off a lengthy list of respectable films. Baseball fans would most likely name "Field of Dreams." Football fans answer to this question would easily be "Rudy," "Remember the Titans," or "Friday Night Lights." Basketball enthusiasts may name "Coach Carter" as a good movie to represent their sport. Boxing fans could easily pick a great movie for their sport, from the relatively recent academy award winning "Million Dollar Baby," to the mega-successful "Rocky" franchise, to the Robert Deniro classic, "Raging Bull." Wrestling fans, however, would be completely stumped when asked to find a 'classic' for their genre. The last wrestling movie to feature the sport of professional wrestling was 2000's "Ready to Rumble," a comedy that made a mockery of washed-up broken-down veterans. Nearly nine years later, director Darren Aronofsky decided to take a more serious approach at a film about a washed up 80's pro-wrestling star, with his critically-acclaimed movie, "The Wrestler."

"The Wrestler" stars Mickey Rourke as Robin Ramsinsky, a pro-wrestler better known by his ring-name, Randy "The Ram" Robinson. In Robinson's glory days, he headlined sold-out events in Madison Square Garden, "the world's most famous arena," as described in the introduction to the movie. The contrast between the past and present stands out harshly as the pictures and sounds from his days of glory change to a shot of the same man sitting in a tiny locker room, coughing, twenty years later. With his days of glory long behind him, the

down-on-his-luck former pro-wrestling star now resides in a trailer-park and still works wrestling matches for small crowds, despite his broken-down body. Not only does the hearing-aid-equipped Ram live in a trailer park, but he at one point was unable to pay his bills and had his trailer locked up, forcing him to spend the night in his busted-up Dodge Ram van.

The Ram, now headlines indie wrestling events at venues as small as reception halls and high-school gymnasiums, taking any booking he can get in order to earn a living. Despite his current condition, he is respected and revered by the entire locker-room at these events, as he was most likely the reason many of these men decided to become professional wrestlers.

Respect does not pay bills, however, so he has to resort to taking a booking for a hardcore match involving staple guns, barbed wire, and glass. The old-school star is completely out of his element and the pain of the match eventually results in a heart attack, which forces him to give up wrestling.

Still having to make a living, he takes on extra hours at a local supermarket, behind the deli counter. After realizing he still has nothing, he considers risking a comeback.

Randy's only family is his estranged daughter, Stephanie (Evan Rachel Wood), who holds a grudge against her father for being on the road throughout her entire childhood. Ram's love interest is an aging stripper, Pam (Marisa Tomei), who develops a friendship with the wrestler but reminds him that there is an 'uncrossable line'

between her and her customers. Rourke's character truly has no one in this movie, and it is, for the most part, a complete downer, except for one scene. Ram temporarily reconciles with his daughter, and they waltz in an abandoned, broken-down ballroom. This is a symbolic scene, as such a grungy location could host a beautiful moment like a father dancing with his daughter, which in a way is an analogy for The Ram. No matter how broken down and worthless the world may view him, he still loves his daughter. In one of the most emotional scenes of the movie, The Ram says, "I'm a broken down piece of meat, and I deserve to be alone. I just don't want you to hate me."



The movie is very authentic, with all wrestling scenes filmed in between matches of real wrestling events from promotions like Combat Zone Wrestling and Ring of Honor. The movie features cameos of wrestlers, from current WWE star Ron "R-Truth" Killings to the hardcore indie-favorite "Necro Butcher," to the recently deceased "Paul E. Normalous." While Rourke used a stunt double for his hardcore scene with Necro Butcher, he did undergo training from WWE Hall of Famer

Afa Anoa'i in order to legitimately pull off wrestling maneuvers in the other scenes.

It seems as if every scene and detail has a meaning or analogy. Marisa Tomei's academy award-nominated role as the aging stripper parallels the Ram's story as she gets older and less successful at her job, feeling less and less needed by society. The majority of the soundtrack is hit metal; stars of the 1980's, many of which may now be considered washed up, just like the Ram.

The movie is lower budget compared to most feature films, and is shot in a very close-up, gritty, documentary-style manner. In one of the deli scenes, real customers interact with Rourke in truly improvisational moments, as the movie's budget could not afford the complete closing of the real supermarket in which the scenes were filmed. In the final wrestling match scene of the movie, the Ram uses Guns N' Roses' "Sweet Child O Mine" as his entrance music, a tune that would ordinarily come with a hefty price tag of \$1.5 million, donated free of charge by Axl Rose, in consideration of the movie's low budget. Reportedly, Rourke was not paid for his role, because no one would financially back a movie with

him in the starring role. The common perception of Rourke is that he is a volatile, undependable, washed-up bad-boy who would pose a great risk as an investment. In many ways, this movie eerily paralleled Rourke's own career in the acting world. Rourke's final speech as the Ram sounds almost autobiographical: "I don't hear as good as I used to and I forget stuff and I ain't as pretty as I used to be but God damn it I'm still standing here and I'm The Ram. As times goes by, as times goes by,

they say 'he's washed up,' 'he's finished,' 'he's a loser,' 'he's all through.' You know what? The only one that's going to tell me when I'm through doing my thing is you people here."

Without ruining any major plot points, it's important to say that this is not a feel-good movie. This movie is more "Raging Bull" than it is "Rocky," and Rourke's nomination for the Oscar for best actor is truly warranted and deserved. It is a travesty, however, that the movie was snubbed in the best picture category, and that Bruce Springsteen (who wrote the title song, "The Wrestler," free of charge) was also snubbed in the best song category. Springsteen's "The Wrestler" plays during the ending credits.

Rourke's comeback is about to come full-circle, as he is planned to make his way to the Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas, to work a match against WWE's Chris Jericho at the 25th annual WrestleMania—wrestling's equivalent to the Super Bowl—in front of well over seventy-thousand screaming fans. Given Rourke's dedication to training for "The Wrestler," he is bound to work hard to put on a good performance at WrestleMania. WrestleMania has had celebrity appearances since day one, whether it was the WrestleMania II appearances by Ray Charles, Cab Calloway, and Ozzy Osbourne, or the Wrestlemania 24's appearances by Floyd Mayweather and Snoop Dogg. However, never before has WrestleMania featured a match with an Academy Award winner, or even an nominee. In late February, the world will find out if Rourke will approach WrestleMania as a winner or just a nominee. Win or lose, the event is bound to be a success, and wrestling fans around the world will echo Springsteen's sentiments: "Tell me friend, can you ask for anything more?"

EDITOR'S DESK



Well the snow day certainly was a pleasant surprise. I'll admit I had my mind set on classes being cancelled so I probably wasn't going to any of my classes even if there was school but hey I guess I got lucky.

Super Bowl Sunday is coming up and I don't know about anyone else but I am not really looking forward to it very much. The last time I showed this little interest in the Super Bowl was three years ago when the Steelers beat the Seahawks. Yawn. Nothing against the Steelers I would just rather see my Patriots or even the Colts. I hate the Colts but I love Peyton Manning, how can you not? I would like to see Warner get another ring and I love Larry Fitzgerald. The most exciting part of the game in my opinion will be the halftime show. I love the Boss. Petty last year, the Boss this year, how could it get any better? The Who next year, that's how.

Anyways, I hope you all enjoy the Super Bowl and have a great week. Spring is just around the corner (hopefully.)

Song of the week: Bruce Springsteen - The Last Carnival

13 Days Until Pitchers & Catchers

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@ The Calvin Theatre

Tuesday February 3 - The Pink Floyd
Experience - 8pm, \$35

Tuesday, February 10 - Lee Ann Womack - 7pm,
\$25

@ The Iron Horse

.Saturday, January 31 - Rani Arbo/Daisy
Mayhem - 7pm, \$18
Sunday, November 9 - Storybox/The Spring
Standards - 7pm, \$13

@ Pearl Street

Sunday, February 8 - Brett Dennen/Angel
Taylor - 7pm, \$18

Boss' new album continues where 'Magic' left off

Colby Henderson
Editor-In-Chief

These days Bruce Springsteen is doing it all. The Boss just wrapped up a year-long tour this past fall in support of his 2007 album *Magic*, he is scheduled to perform

during the halftime show of Super Bowl XLIII on February 1, and to top it all off, he just won a Golden Globe.

To add to the list, Springsteen recently released his 16th studio album, entitled *Working on a Dream*, this past Tuesday.

Working on a Dream is the third album he has released with the E Street Band this decade and first since he released *Magic* in October 2007.

The album was released five days before his scheduled Super Bowl appearance and a world tour is set to begin this spring in support of the new album.

Working was written and recorded mostly during breaks of the band's '07-'08 *Magic* tour and is in some ways considered to be a continuation of *Magic* as many of the songs were written after the album was released. *Magic* displayed Bruce and the band at the top of their game where he has been since he reunited the E Street Band on the 2002 studio album, *The Rising*. To follow it up, *Working* is one of his most ambitious works since 1975's *Born to Run*.

Working starts out with an eight minute long Old

West fable entitled "Outlaw Pete" which follows the journey of a bandit and killer written as a campfire ballad. The song is Springsteen's longest recorded song since "Drive All Night" off *The River*. Springsteen changes the tone a bit with the first two singles off the album are featured as

"What Love Can Do." This may or may not have to do with Byrds front man Roger McGuinn joining Springsteen on stage during several stops on the *Magic* tour.

The albums final song, "The Last Carnival," is an emotional roller coaster which evokes the spirit of the

late Danny Federici, an original member of the E Street Band who passed away last April after a long battle with Melanoma. Federici's son, Jason, plays accordion on the track, an instrument his father often played in the band.

Also included is



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tracks one and two. "My Lucky Day" can stand strong alongside many of Springsteen's rock anthems of the 80's and sounds like something off of *The River* or *Born in the U.S.A.* On "My Lucky Day," Springsteen takes a page from the Rolling Stones, sharing lead vocals with guitarist Steven Van Zandt which is reminiscent of Mick and Keith.

The title track, "Working on a Dream," was written shortly after Springsteen publicly endorsed Barack Obama this past summer and was first played publicly on November 2 during an Obama campaign rally in Cleveland.

In the past, Springsteen has hinted at being heavily influenced by the Byrds and the sitar like guitars on "Life Itself" are pure "Eight Miles High," as are the close vocal harmonies on the tough little rocker

a bonus track from Mickey Rourke's movie, "The Wrestler," which is a track Bruce wrote specifically for the movie and won a Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song this past January.

"Working" was embraced with fairly high acclaim and praise by critics upon its release, garnering a rare, five star review from *Rolling Stone Magazine*, an honor which Springsteen also received with *Magic* (2007) and *The Rising* (2002).

At 59, Springsteen has proven that age is a non factor in Rock 'n' Roll as he continues to create critically acclaimed albums while selling out stadiums worldwide. As long as Bruce Springsteen is still making music he will deserve the nickname, The Boss.

Catch Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band's
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Sunday, February 1



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Cardinals/Steelers Face Off In Super Bowl XLIII

Matthew Castonguay
Sports Editor

This Sunday will mark the end of the 2008 NFL season with Super Bowl XLIII in Tampa and though it doesn't have the same names or back stories that previous big games have boasted, it's still the Super Bowl and someone will still be crowned champion in two days.

While no one can expect XLIII to rival XLII last year, it should still be a great game. The Cardinals come in arguably the hottest team in the game, steam rolling all takers in the playoffs, after ending the regular season on a down turn. The Steelers have been on a nice little run of their own, taking down the Baltimore Ravens and a resilient Chargers team on their way to Tampa.

Each team has its keys to victory on Sunday. The Cardinals must do what most of the NFL was unable to do in the regular season, and that is to get on the board early against the Steelers and often. This year, the Cardinals amassed 5,852 yards of total offense, 4,875yds coming

through the air. With arguably the best receiver in the NFL in Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin, the Cardinals are obviously a threat to go deep any time, which could be dangerous, against a Steelers secondary, which had 18 picks on the season. They really don't have a choice, though. To have a chance against Pittsburgh, that is what they must do; Throw, and throw often. They had, just north of 1100 yards on the ground for the season and though Edgerrin James has been used effectively in the post season, it's still not something they can rely on. Pittsburgh's defense only allowed 80 yards rushing a game anyway so even if they tried to rely on the run, the Steel Curtain would probably shut them down.

That makes Pittsburgh's job simple, stop the Cardinals through the air, which they've successfully done to the rest of the league all year. Pittsburgh has allowed only 2,861 yards through the air all season. The play of the secondary will be key for Pittsburgh with safety Troy Polamalu playing the biggest role. Polamalu has

been a beast this year and is the one player that the Cardinals will have to watch when they're on offense. Polamalu has an uncanny ability to seemingly be everywhere all at one time and if the Cardinals can't account for that, then he will make them pay.

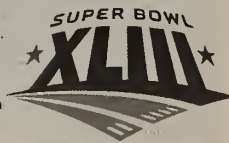
Besides the just the stats and the game plans, this game will pit one of the most successful franchises in NFL history in the Pittsburgh Steelers and one of the most unsuccessful franchises in sports history in the Arizona Cardinals against each other. The Steelers last won three years ago in Super Bowl XL and will be appearing in the franchise's 7th Super Bowl, second all-time to the Dallas Cowboys who have been 8 times. Though the Cardinals franchise has won an NFL title, that was 61 years ago. This year, they will be heading to their first Super Bowl in the teams history, where they will try to avoid joining the likes of the Bills, Bengals, Titans, Eagles, Chargers, Falcons, Seahawks, Panthers and Vikings as teams to lose in their only Super Bowl appearance, or in the Bills

case, appearances. While many of the Cardinals players aren't accustomed to the spotlight of the big game, their quarterback and head coach are well acquainted with it. Ken Whisenand got his ring with the Steelers in 2006, before leaving to become the head coach in Arizona and quarterback Kurt Warner is a veteran of two Super Bowls: winning in 2000 against Tennessee and taking the loss against the Patriots in 2002.

While the experience, or lack there of for Arizona, has been an issue many people want to talk about (the Steelers are returning 27 players from Super Bowl XL) the past has proven that experience doesn't necessarily matter. Last year, the Patriots lost to the Giants when they had nearly 50% of their Championship team from 2005 playing in the game. Less than 5% of the Giants roster had had experience in the big game and they took down the 17-0 Patriots. Go figure.

My prediction for the game will be that it's going to be a defensive game, and the Cardinals will

do a good job keeping up with Pittsburgh on that side of the ball, but it won't be enough. Obviously, Pittsburgh's offense isn't the same thing that Arizona's is, but lets face it, no ones defense is as talented as the Pittsburgh Steelers. I think it's going to be a low scoring affair and that the Steelers will win 17-10. That being said, I haven't gotten a single pick right all post season folks, except for the Cardinals over the Eagles last week, but that started out as wishful thinking; I honestly thought Philly would bowl them over. I'm going to give Willie Parker the MVP, thinking he's going to run for just under 100 yards and get into the end zone twice.



Sox optimistic going into Spring Training

Theresa Dolfuss
Sports Reporter

For those diehard baseball fans, the long wait for Spring Training will soon be over. Pitchers and catchers will be reporting to camp in less than a month, marking the beginning of Spring Training.

During the second week in February, pitchers and catchers will start reporting for duty. Fort Meyers, FL, will be filled with those diehard Red Sox fans that made the journey from all over the country to see the newest editions to the team. General Manager Theo Epstein and the owners will decide which players from the farm teams stay as backups and which ones go back down for the beginning of the season.

The Red Sox have made some interesting and key additions to their team over this off season. Let's start with pitchers. Over the past weeks the Red Sox have signed Japanese right hander Junichi Tazawa, right hander Brad Penny, reliever John Smoltz, reliever Ramon Ramirez, and reliever Takashi Saito. The addition of the three relievers could possibly strengthen the Red Sox bullpen immensely. Smoltz could end up being used as a set up man for Papelbon in the later innings.

At the beginning of January, the Red Sox also signed Rhode Island native Rocco Baldelli. He will likely split time in center field with Jacoby Ellsbury, and possibly be a backup to Jason Bay and J.D. Drew. Mark Kotsay will share that time as well, since the Red Sox resigned the outfielder.

Along with the new signings during the off season, the Red Sox reached deals with both Dustin Pedroia and Kevin Youkilis to keep them in Boston for an extended time. Pedroia signed a six-year, \$40.5 million contract, including an option for 2015. Youkilis signed a four-year, \$41.25 million contract, keeping him in Boston until 2012. His contract includes an option for 2013. Jonathan Papelbon avoided arbitration by signing a one-year, \$6.25 million contract.

Overall, the Red Sox have been pretty productive over the off season. They signed some new faces that could strengthen their pitching staff greatly, some backup in the outfield. While on the prowl for new players, they also managed to keep some of the regulars for a longer period of time.

Spring Training will be the time to showcase the new talent that the Sox brought in, and for the regulars to show off their stuff once again.

Bruins look to continue first half success

Steve Harvey
Sports Reporter

Coming out of the all star break in the 2008-09 season Bruins fans have many things to look forward to not only being tied at the top the National Hockey league standings, but also the fact that a small medical ward is going to be returning to the lineup. Our own Eric Lindros, Patrice Bergeron is back after another concussion, Andrew Ference is back from a broken leg and Milan Lucic returns from a shoulder injury. Still injured are

Marco Sturm (the only remaining player involved in the Joe Thornton deal) who will miss the whole season, Phil Kessel has Mono (He's never missed a game due to

injury, just cancer and mono). Aaron Ward is out with something cause he always is and in hockey's tradition of specifying injuries to the full extent Manny Fernandez is out with general soreness. If watching the Bruins wasn't enough fun, Jack Edwards 'ruff said. The most underrated player in professional sports Tim Thomas is having another fantastic year win-

the most impressive thing about this team is the way that players fill in the spaces. Players such as Vladimir Sobotka, Martin St. Pierre, Byron Bitz, Matt Hunwick and Matt Lashoff have filled in the spaces opened up by injury. The only complaint I have about this team is the fact the Petteri Nokelainen still has a roster spot despite doing almost nothing (almost

nothing indicates I remember him getting 1 assist and a penalty) while there are many others who are willing and better than he is this year). This is the strongest team the Bruins have had in many



Bruins center Milan Lucic has brought back the toughness the Bruins were known for in the 70's

ning his second all star game in 2 years (only been done 4 times before) while Manny Fernandez is finally playing like the 4 Million Dollar guy we paid for. What is perhaps,

years and one can hope they can win their first playoff series in 10 years. P.S. did anyone see Zdeno Chara almost kill Alex Ovechkin last night that was fun.

Streaking Owls Top Falcons, 74-62

FITCHBURG - Senior forward Andrea Wasuk had game highs of 18 points and nine rebounds and junior point guard Sarah Boudreau (15 points, 0 turnovers) played another flawless floor game to lead Westfield State to a 74-62 victory over Fitchburg State on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

The Owls won their sixth straight and 10th game in the last 11 starts in boosting their record to 15-3. With the big road victory, Westfield concludes the first half of conference play with a 6-0 record. Fitchburg moves to 11-7 overall and 4-2 in the MASCAC.

The Owls have another big game this Saturday when they host second place Bridgewater State (4-1 conference). Westfield opened conference play with an 80-74 victory at Bridgewater.

Westfield led by single digits for most of the game and pulled away in the final minutes by canning eight straight free throws. For the game, the Owls were 22 for 26 from the foul line.

Wasuk was eight for 10 from the charity stripe, while Boudreau canned all eight of her free throw attempts. For the second straight game Boudreau did not commit any turnovers;

she only has one turnover in the last three games.

Senior guard Katie Sylvain scored 14 points and was 5 for 5 from the free throw line. Sophomore center Cassy Jouannet was not credited with any rebounds but she tallied 12 points.

Fitchburg stayed in the game with outstanding shooting from 3-point range

(10 for 23).

Fitchburg standout senior forward Steph Payette finished with 13 points. In the second half, Westfield took advantage of a sidelined Payette, posting a 12-5 run over the final four minutes. Fitchburg had opened second half with a 7-0 run, taking a 39-36 lead. But after an injury sidelined Payette at the 14:34 mark, Westfield responded with a 10-3 run to grab a 10-point advantage, 64-54.



Junior Sarah Boudreau

Owls Standings

Men's Basketball
MASCAC Conference
as of 1/28/09

Salem St.	15-3(5-1)
Westfield St.	12-6(5-1)
Bridgewater St.	11-5(4-1)
Worcester St.	9-9(3-3)
Framingham St.	10-9(2-4)
Fitchburg St.	6-10(1-5)
MCLA	1-16(0-5)

Upcoming games:
(home games in bold)
1/31 Bridgewater St.
2/3 @ Worcester St.
2/7 Salem St.

Women's Basketball
MASCAC Conference
as of 1/28/09

Westfield St.	15-3(6-0)
Bridgewater St.	11-6(4-1)
Fitchburg St.	11-7(4-2)
Framingham St.	8-10(2-4)
Salem St.	7-11(2-4)
MCLA	10-7(1-4)
Worcester St.	5-13(1-5)

Upcoming Games:
(home games in bold)
1/31 Bridgewater St.
2/3 @ Worcester St.
2/7 Salem St.

Men's Ice Hockey
MASCAC Conference
as of 1/28/09

Salem St.	10-5-1(3-0-1)
Westfield St.	9-4-4(2-1-1)
Fitchburg St.	7-6-4(1-0-3)
Worcester St.	3-10(0-2-1)
Framingham St.	0-15-3(0-3)

Upcoming Games:
(home games in bold)
2/4 Worcester St.
2/8 WNEC
2/10 @ Curry

Westfield Holds Off Fitchburg, 64-58

FITCHBURG, Mass. — Westfield State senior guard Dave Jaehning (Quincy) scored a game-high 21 points and had a team-high seven rebounds to lead Westfield State to a 64-58 victory over Fitchburg State on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

The Owls upped their record to 12-6 overall and 5-1 in the Mass. State Conference. Westfield is lodged in a three-way tie for first place with Bridgewater and Salem at the halfway point of conference play. Westfield hosts Bridgewater is a key conference game this Saturday, Jan. 31. Westfield

won at Bridgewater State, 72-65, in its conference opener Jan. 10.

Westfield State used an 11-2 run midway through the first half to grab solid seven-point lead (33-26) at the break. Jaehning led the Owls first half attack with eight points and four boards, while sophomore Elliot Knowler (Templeton, Mass./Narragansett) and junior Colin London (Worcester, Mass./Doherty) each netted six for the Falcons.

In the second half, Fitchburg State came out firing, exploding for a 12-1 run over 2:42 span to take a 51-

49 lead. Kozik sparked the Falcons rally with 10 points, including two three-pointers.

Westfield State responded moments later, closing the period with an 11-5 run to earn its 12th victory of the season. Junior guard Knowles led the Owl comeback with six points in the rally, while Jaehning hit a dagger from beyond the arc with 3:39 remaining.

Knowles recorded 13 points and five caroms. Junior Joe Dieruttalo (Franklin, Mass./Franklin) was also solid for the Owls with eight points and two rebounds.

Senior Jeff Kozik (Auburn, Mass./Auburn) registered a team-high 19 points for Fitchburg State, which dropped to 6-10 overall and 1-5 in conference play.

Kozik shot a perfect 7-for-7 from the field, including 3-of-3 from three point range. Junior Tim Graham (Arlington, Mass./Arlington) aided Kozik on the Falcon attack with 10 points and six boards, while senior Brian Torres (North Dighton, Mass./Dighton-Rehoboth) added nine points.

Dave Jaehning Covers The Court

Senior Star Leads Owls In Scoring, Rebounding, Steals

Dave Jaehning can play the point, or shooting guard, or small forward. And on occasion, he may see a few minutes at power forward or center for the Westfield State College men's basketball team.

"He's big, rangy with the ability to play about anywhere, and he shows up in every category," said Westfield 10-year coach Rich Sutter of the 6-foot-4 Boston College High product from Quincy.

"And he makes others around him better."

With the Owls' start-

ing center Matt Badjo out for the season with a leg injury, and a backup center (mononucleosis) sidelined, Jaehning's versatility, leadership, and stellar play have kept Westfield (11-6 overall, 4-1 MASCAC) on a winning course.

"This team has been resilient, and he has a calming effect," said Sutter. "He is the straw that stirs the drink for us."

He rarely leaves the floor, impressing Sutter with his stamina. He rebounds, he takes charges, and he's a dogged defender.

After Westfield dropped back-to-back games in the Bahamas Invitational against Wesley and William Jewell, Jaehning delivered 25 points, six steals, five rebounds, and four assists in a 72-65 win at Bridgewater State.

"He's been our best player over the last couple of years, and in my estimation, one of the best in school history, if not the best," said Sutter of Jaehning, who is averaging team-leading 15.2 points, 6.3 rebounds, and 2.9 steals per game.

Westfield concludes

the first half of conference play with a key game at Fitchburg on Tuesday, Jan. 27. The Owls are lodged in a three-way tie for first place with Salem and Bridgewater.



Westfield State Forward
Dave Jaehning

Hockey Game
vs. WNEC
Postponed -
Rescheduled
For Sunday,
Feb. 8, At
Amelia Park
Arena

FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

I don't know about you, readers, but I'm certainly sick and 'frickin' tired of all this damn snow. Old man winter doesn't know win to quit I guess. I don't know about you, but if old man winter were a real live, living breathing person, I swear to Christ I'd kick his cane out from underneath him and beat him with it. That being said, I just finished shoveling my third drive way and, God knows, when I get back from the Voice tonight, I'm probably going to have to do it again. Lucky you who live on campus, I guess.

Anyway, I'm pretty pumped about Spring Training getting underway in a little over two weeks, with tune up games starting about a month from now. That being said, there is still a good deal of top-level free-agents available on the market. Due to the shaky economy, I suppose. I think today is as good a time as any to play match maker and pair the big names left with the teams they'll (I think) most likely land with. I know, I know, this isn't the satirical column you folks have come to expect from me, but looking out my window at a sea of white, with re-runs of post-seasons past airing all day and all night on MLB Network, I need, NEED to start meaningfully chatting about baseball moves that may or may not happen. Alright, lets get to it. Match maker, match maker, make me a match....

Jim Edmonds -- I love Jim Edmonds, but he's obviously past his prime. I think the center-

fielder would be a good fit just about anywhere off the bench, but I think his days as a starter are past him. I could see him landing with the Cubs again and then retiring after the season but I'm going to say he ends up with Pittsburgh. I think he could still start there and, having already gotten his ring, he just wants to play.

Randy Wolf -- Wolf is a solid back end of the rotation guy for any team in the league, and even a decent front end guy somewhere like Kansas City or Baltimore. He went 12-12 last year with a 4.30 ERA for Houston. Wolf, a lefty, I think will end up in Cincinnati. I feel like he could be a good veteran presence for guys like Edinson Volquez and Homer Bailey and would be a bargain for the team. The Reds play in a pretty weak division and have a legit chance at moving up the latter this year with all that young talent. Wolf would provide a much needed veteran presence in Cincy.

Ben Sheets -- Sheets, it looks like, is headed toward the second worst place a pitcher can go besides Colorado, and that's the Texas Rangers. While team president Nolan Ryan has said he plans to focus more on pitching than the team had in the past, they'll still be playing at the Ballpark at Arlington. Sheets would be a strong start for the Rangers, as long as he stays healthy which has been a problem for him ever since he made it to the show. Last year he posted an ERA just north of 3 and went 13-9 for the Milwaukee

Brewers.

Bobby Abreu -- Abreu is still looking for money that isn't out there for him, though I'm not sure why. Abreu hit .296 with 20 homers and 100 RBI on the nose last year for the Yankees. Besides the offensive numbers, Abreu is still a great defender with a good arm. I think the rumors are true and that he'll end up the Reds. Think about it, they've got the room in the outfield and he's a very good player. He won't hit the homers that Adam Dunn would, but he's going to catch the ball more often and strike out less than a 1,000 times, which is something you couldn't say for Dunn.

Orlando Hudson -- Why this guy is still on the market, I couldn't tell you. Hudson is a perennial threat to win the Gold Glove at second, and hits .300 and steals bases consistently. Hudson is a steal at this point in the game since he knows he won't get the money he wants. Hudson would be a terrific fit by the bay in San Francisco. Right now, the Giants really don't have anyone for the spot and, when put at the top of the order in front of Edgar Renteria, and you've got something cooking. If only the had a bat bigger than Aaron Rowand in their order...

Oliver Perez -- I can't believe no one has thrown their name in the ring for this guy besides the Mets. He's going to end up back with them, no doubt, but he's getting screwed. Perez is one of the best young arms in the game and has been turning heads since his days in

Pittsburgh. He struck out 180 last year on en route to a 10-7 record and an ERA of 4.22. He's a solid starter and can fit in anywhere in the rotation. It really is a shame no one else got in on the bidding for this guy. He's got (almost) Cy Young stuff on any other staff in the league that's not Boston or New York.

Adam Dunn -- I love Adam Dunn, regardless of how often he swings and misses or how shoddy his defense is. Adam Dunn is still one of the most lovable guys in the world. He's stronger than the Brawny paper towel guy and better looking. It's been rumored, and I hope it's true that he lands with the Red Sox. Half the pop outs he had at Great American Ballpark over his career would have left Fenway around Pesky's Pole. The thing is, is that he'll want to start and should, and that doesn't seem possible in any capacity but in a platoon role with JD Drew or in a rotation with him, Bay and Ellsbury; which like a closer-by-committee, doesn't sound like a good idea. I still think, hope Adam Dunn will be taking hacks in Boston come April.

Manny Ramirez -- To be honest, I don't care where Manny ends up. I'm stoked because he's not going to get the money he thinks he (and probably) is worth because his agent Scott Boras spent so much time fixing up Mark Texieria with the Yankees. I want to see him end up in San Francisco because I think him being in that line up would be fantastic. I want to see that team compete for a World

Series without Barry Bonds, even if it means Krusty the Clown gets another ring. My hatred for Barry Bonds far supersedes that for Manny and since I am a tad on the vindictive side, I'm saying Manny to the Giants in hopes they can win a title. Hell, they've got the pitching and a decent supporting cast? All they're missing is that bat.

And there you have it, the top eight remaining free-agents and where they'll end up in '09. For those of you wondering about Jason Varitek, I didn't mention him in this list because he's probably one of the 10 worst remaining free agents. It looks like he'll get two years and "attainable" incentives from the Red Sox but, I really wish the Sox could give him like, a monthly contract. You know, something like \$20,000 a month and then if he hits over .220 (Doubt it with 2-3 homers (Yeah, ok) and 7 or 8 RBI (sumu-uurreeee) then you sign him for the next month and so on and so forth. If he doesn't, release him or designate him for assignment? Oh and, because they appreciate him and all, give him \$20 if Jon Lester throws another no-hitter or something and he happens to be behind the plate. Always tip your catcher, folks.

Alright, that's it. I'm going to go watch for Paula Creamer on the golf channel and try not to cry when they show travel package commercials that are worth more than my car. Cheers!

Round Table: Who do you think will win Super Bowl XLIII?



Colby Henderson



Jeff Dale



Matthew Castonguay



Patrick Dayton



Matthew Lee



24-21

Kurt Warner
MVP



20-17

Larry Fitzgerald
MVP



17-10

Willie Parker
MVP



27-17

Ben
Roethlisberger
MVP



27-23

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Roethlisberger
MVP

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Student of the Week



Brooke Carney, 19,
Freshman from
Shrewsbury, MA

Major: Undeclared

If you could have any
superpower, what would
it be?

The ability to fly

If you could have any
meal for the rest of your
life, what would it be?

Chicken Pot Pie

What are you planning to
do after you graduate
from WSC?

Get my masters and travel

If you could go anywhere
in the world, where
would it be?

Ireland

What are the first three
things you would do if
you won the lottery?

I would take all of my
friends and family on a
vacation, buy a new car,
and I would save the rest
for random things

If you could sleep with
anyone in the world, who
would it be?

Shia Lebeouf

If you would like to be student
of the week, email us at
thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell
us why!

Nader Encourages Students to take Action



Photo by Hugh Aitkin

Angela Bunt
Layout Editor

Ralph Nader wants
Americans to start taking
control of their lives.

The 74-year-old politician
spoke to an impressive
crowd in the Woodward
Center on Wednesday, and
tackled issues like corrup-
tion in Congress, the prob-
lem with big corporations,

and most importantly, how
we as Americans need to do
something about it.

"There are lots of
forces coming in on young
people to distract them
from that critical goal,"
said Nader. "Let's face it,
we do not have a high
enough expectation level as
to what kind of country,
what kind of lives, we want
to lead."

Nader, a Winstead, Conn.

native, is an attorney (he
graduated from Harvard
Law School in 1958),
author, and longtime politi-
cal activist. He's run for
President numerous times,
both as a member of the
Green Party and the
Independent Party. Nader
first made his mark in poli-
tics in the 1960s when he
strongly advocated for
automobile safety, which
led to the unanimous pass-

ing of the National Traffic
and Motor Vehicle Safety
Act.

Nader's grassroots
attitude toward making
changes in big government
resonated loudly with the
Westfield audience coming
on the heels of Obama's
election.

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Economy: Nowhere to go but up?

Kevin Freency
Voice Reporter

Pockets are empty,
homes are taken, and jobs are
lost. These past months have
been anything but enjoyable
when it comes to money. As
many of us try to scrape up
those last few dollars for the
book we need, we often hear
ourselves asking, is there
hope?

The job market has-
n't been this bad for over 60
years. Unemployment rates

are soaring and those of us
looking for jobs need to be
utterly aware of the chal-
lenges we will be facing. Job
security is key. Salary is nice,
but if you can find an
employer that will hold on to
you, then you've struck gold.

Student loans are
becoming harder to get as
one-third of loan companies
have left the scene. Those
still in business are increas-
ing their credit standards,
forcing students to find
cosigners.

Getting a student
loan is just half the battle.
Once you graduate, you need
to start paying those suckers
off. With employment the
way it is today, once can
expect this to be a challenge.
Merriam-Webster
defines, Recession, as "...a
period of reduced economic
activity."

There has been ongo-
ing debate about whether the
U.S. is actually in a recession.
Whatever the answer,
there's no doubt we're in a

time of reduced economic
activity. Who do we blame
for this mess?

Our government
always spends more money
than they receive. Most
recently, the war has put us in
a ridiculous amount of debt.

Many homeowners
have been taking loans to pay
off their mortgages.
Unfortunately, many can't
pay the loans back. This
leads to FORECLOSURES.

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WSC Quick Hits

- Break is performing in the Ely Campus

Center Fri. Feb. 6 at 7:30 pm

- Comedian Kelly

Taylor Sat. Feb. 7 at 8 pm

- Katrina Browne

speaks Mon. Feb. 9 at 7 pm Woodward Center

- Hall Damages to date:

Old Apt- \$450

Courtney- \$12,210

Davis- \$3,590

Dickinson- \$6,000

Lamers- \$2,475

New Hall- \$4,375

Scanlon- \$8,755

- Sat. at 3 pm

Basketball doubleheader- iPod raffle at halftime

- Forum regarding

schools smoking policy

Feb. 11 at 1 pm in Ely Campus Center

- Sex toy party Feb. 12, at 5:30 pm in Dickinson & ends at 8 pm.

- Next Senior Night Feb. 27

Hydropower: Using the planet's lifeblood

Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

Last week I discussed wind energy, in particular the Cape Wind project, and how it is becoming a popular choice for alternative energy sources. As promised, I will continue the 'renewable energy' theme with perhaps the most efficient energy source other than wind: hydropower or water power. Hydropower is already fairly popular here in America and across the globe, considering it has been used for centuries. Hundreds of years ago water wheels and watermills could be found in the "pot wheel" pumps of irrigation canals in China to the gristmills on the Mississippi River; they have popped up in many major cultures in the past including Medieval Britain and Imperial Rome. It is pretty apparent that our ancestors realized how productive and accessible water could be and

they figured out how to harness it and use it.

But what about today? It seems that at some point hydropower became somewhat outdated, probably around the time Edison was completing his life's work and dream. Yes, the invention of the light bulb and the expansion of electricity throughout the world directly caused the hibernation of hydropower. Electricity was new, trendy and overall more convenient than water power — mills and factories weren't limited to waterfront locations anymore. The watermills didn't all disappear of course; they were just put on the back burner. They made a huge comeback in 1936 when the Hoover Dam was completed on the Colorado River, not only serving as a hydroelectric facility but also creating Lake Mead (which has become a popular source of recreational activities).

Much like wind energy, hydropower is obviously very clean and very renewable. It accounts for 6% of

total energy in the U.S. and 19% of the world's electricity. The way it works is simple; water, be it in streams, rivers or the ocean, is channeled into a hydroelectric complex and its flow or fall (depending on the facility) generates electricity. It is much cheaper than other energy sources like nuclear energy, the bulk of the cost being the construction of the facility, and does not produce harmful emissions like carbon dioxide and methane. The few negative effects are ecological: building hydropower complexes, especially dams, disturb natural habitats and cause problems for fish migration.

Hydropower is most often used with rivers, but different forms exist including tidal and wave power. France, Russia, and Canada have successfully harnessed tidal power, the only major downside being that the efficiency fluctuates with the tides. Wave power has been used in places like Scotland; generators are powered by air

that is displaced by waves, but their attempts to improve this wave capturing technique have been plagued by technical problems. The Three Gorges Dam, located on the Yangtze River in China, was just completed last October. It is currently the largest dam in the world and has generated over 270 TWh (kilowatt hour) so far — just another step in the right direction.

Water is the most powerful force on the planet. It is the oldest form of energy and today, when renewable energy is such a hot topic and is becoming necessary, it can once again take center stage. Just like wind, water is everywhere: on every continent, every country, in between each mass of land. It is the lifeblood of the earth. It twists and turns and pushes its way through anything that gets in its way. And it is a reminder that there is hope for a cleaner, more efficient way to harness energy.

Westfield State College Speaker Series Presents:



Katrina Browne

Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North
Monday, February 9, 2009
Scanlon Banquet Hall
7pm

In "Traces of the Trade," producer/director Katrina Browne tells the story of her forefathers, the largest slave-trading family in U.S. history. Given the myth that the South is solely responsible for slavery, viewers will be surprised to learn that Browne's ancestors were Northerners. The film follows Browne and nine fellow family members on a remarkable journey which brings them face-to-face with the history and legacy of New England's hidden enterprise.

Katrina Browne is the seventh-generation descendant of Mark Anthony, a slave trader. Before launching this film and family project in 1999, Ms. Browne served

as Outreach Planning Coordinator for the film adaptation of Anna Deaver Smith's critically acclaimed play about the LA riots, *Twilight*, Los Angeles. She consulted with race relations and media experts to plan a national outreach campaign to use the PBS broadcast and video distribution as the basis for community dialogue on race, ethnicity and equity. She came to that work and filmmaking from writing a Masters thesis comparing the role that Greek tragedies played in civic life in ancient Greece to the untapped potential of film to catalyze civic dialogue today. She wrote this thesis while earning a Masters in Theology at the Pacific School of Religion in

Berkeley, California. Prior to her graduate studies, she worked as a senior staff person at Public Allies, an AmeriCorps program now operating in 15 cities that she co-founded in 1991 in Washington, DC to recruit more young people and people of color into nonprofit careers. She held responsibilities in national start-up, site program development, evaluation and fundraising. She has a B.A. from Princeton University, where she studied cultural anthropology with a focus on oral history, and wrote a senior thesis on France's role in the Holocaust.

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Ralph Nader Speaks to WSC



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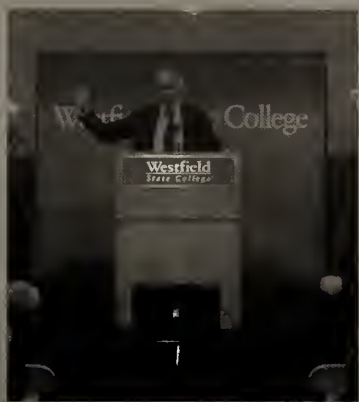


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Nader cont....

When Nader asked the crowd how many of them have been to a Wal Mart or a mall, among other places, a slew of hands went up.

"Let's turn it around," said Nader. "How many of you have been to a court of law as a spectator, or a town or city hall meeting?" A small percentage of hands raised, which spurred Nader to ask the audience why, as a country, we aren't made to do these things. Said Nader, "People think because they are personally free that they are free. That's not civic freedom. Civic freedom is being able to shape what kind of country and world we're living in."

Nader thinks the first step in shaping our freedom is understanding our power as citizens. He strongly advocates the integration of civic skill courses into our classrooms, and urges Americans to exercise the rights provided for us in the Constitution.

Nader speaks against Congress, who he said has their own agenda. "The government is continuing to subordinate the

country," said Nader, who then referred to the Republican and Democratic Party as the same person wearing different makeup.

"Unless we subordinate the corporate entity to the sovereignty of the people, we will forever be subordinate to them, and that's not a fair fight," said Nader.

Nader references a Chinese proverb originated from the Ming Dynasty, "to know and not to do is not to know," and urges the audience to start talking about corporate crime, minimum wage, the electoral system, and alternative energy sources.

"We don't understand how powerful we are. Therefore, we are powerless. The politicians are still afraid of you, because you're the only one who has the vote, even though corporations have the money," said Nader. "We do not demand enough."

For more info visit citizen.org.essential.org, and votennader.org.

J-Term: St. Maarten

Angela Bunt
Layout Editor

Steve Cimino likes being an American, but he wishes he could do it on "island time."

Cimino, a 22-year-old senior at Westfield State College, spent two weeks of winter break on J-Term in St. Maarten, a tropical island in the northeast Caribbean. "Being late is acceptable there. You're running on island time. In our taxi cab the time wasn't even right. People don't even have watches, they don't care. They're just on a beautiful island."

The Caribbean Experience course, taught by Trevor Hodge (a native of the Caribbean), broadened Cimino's knowledge of different cultures.

"It's a very interest-

ing culture, a lot more laid back than here," said Cimino. "When we would get picked up by the bus, our bus driver would stop in the middle of the road and would be backing up traffic and no one would be honking, people would just be waiting patiently."

Cimino also took note of the stress-free attitude the people of St. Maarten seemed to have. Said Cimino, "It was a very festive atmosphere; wherever we went there was always dancing. Everyone seemed to be much less overwhelmed by things."

Over the course of the trip, Cimino and his group (who he said got along very well) attended a Wyche Jean concert, hiked a mountain, and did some local shopping where he experienced the act of bartering.

Cimino said that while the Dutch-owned terri-

tory of the island was very Americanized, he got to experience some language barriers on the French-owned territory, which was just a five minute car ride away. "I learned a lot about understanding different cultures and the whole idea of how we're perceived," said Cimino. "Seeing Obama there, and how it's not even their President and people still know about it. Before I went there I didn't have any idea who their leaders were or anything like that."

"It shows how important we are to the rest of the world. How much other countries depend on us. Because our economy is down here, it affects them because they're tourist driven. America directly affects a lot of places and I realized that and it was interesting to see."

Economy cont....

Companies from the U.S. have been manufacturing their products in other countries for years now. We are a nation of consumers, not manufacturers. Not only does this create fewer jobs, but it also causes us to buy more than we sell. The U.S. is not a profitable country to produce in.

As college students, there's not much we can do to control the economy. But, there are a few steps you can take to make things easier on yourself in the long run.

First, find a steady job. It doesn't have to be the best paying, but it should be something that's secure and

reliable.

Start looking for summer jobs immediately. Try and secure one by the end of Spring Break.

If you can, apply for scholarships. You may get lucky and get yourself out of some college debt.

Definitely consider setting a budget for yourself. In times like these, you don't want to spend money on things you don't need. Hence, skip the Bud-Light and go for the Natty Ice.

Letter to the Editor

I have received this week's copy of the Westfield Voice and read both The Conservative View and The Angry Liberal on their analysis of abortion and this is my response to them. Looking at political philosophy the Conservatives see abortion as the question of morality, the fetus is a form of human life. The Liberals see the fetus not as a form of human life but cells of the woman crying that it can potentially be life.

There are varying degrees of how each side views it, sure, and not every Liberal/Conservative views it that way the authors of both articles wrote about it but the purpose of this response is not to get into that. I would rather attack the misunderstandings and overlooks of both sides in this.

First is the Liberal argument of a woman's right to choose. This is fine as long as you understand it as that. The argument of a right to choose is supposed to mean that the fetus is in fact an indivisible part of the woman's body when she is carrying it which makes it part of her body itself. The "it's my body" argument means that the fetus isn't characteristically a person inside the pregnant woman but rather it is cells of her body and she should be able to do with them as she sees fit much as the cells in her hair or lips. One problem with the "my right to choose" is what my Conservative roommate (don't boo and hiss just yet, hear me out) noted in that it is just the woman's say. I won't get into exactly what he said or the political movement he suggested but the point of why it is only up to the women is the important part. Liberals are so quick to point out the that fetus is just a more developed sperm cell and an egg cell but then forget about the damn sperm cell. You conceived with a man's help so why can't he have a say in it? Aren't we all supposed to be equal? The man has to support the woman no matter what she decides even

though half of that "cell collection" is his. It is just left ultimately for the woman to decide. The end. Mentioning that last tidbit will make me an anti-feminist by some I'm sure.

Also most Liberals I've talked to want to ignore morality completely in this decision. The "old men in Washington making (invalid) laws for women" argument is the bore that replaces it. Ok, fine, I won't argue that the mean old men (all men because they conceivably cannot be women there) in Washington do this only to oppress you because they have nothing better to do with their time. But can we please, please, please not turn this into a political question when arguing for morality, as I am often beat over the head with it. I know that both articles are political but this is for the sake of the morality, the effects, the political decision, so don't roll your eyes at me and dismiss this argument as an irrelevant religious or psychological rant and act as though morality has nothing to do with any of your political decisions either. Let us look at the morality issue and not say that condoms are needed to be available for all children and sex education instead of abstinence only. This is all good and you have my support but I want to hear a moral argument for abortion. You know, about why abortion is not wrong so stop changing the subject. I know plenty of moral arguments for abortions and you can probably figure one of them out or make up one of your own and then have a good moral debate with a Conservative to shut them up in the future.

Speaking of Conservatives, they are next on the agenda. First, if our legal and moral stand point should always be to protect life, then let's get rid of the death penalty and war and never bring up either again. Crazy and maybe extreme, but be careful what you may imply. Also what if the woman was going to die due

to complications from birth? This creates a situation where one has to go and why must it be the woman? Also in the protecting life category what about stem cell research?

Won't that do a lot of good to help save people that are suffering and in furthering life itself when we make breakthroughs? We would be giving that up. The next argument that abortions are a dangerous procedure to women is becoming weaker in time and I would say they are becoming safer with improving technology. Stay away from back-alley deals.

Another point that came to my mind about the morality question is taken from Richard Dawkins's view about surrogates that he mentions in The God Delusion. Paraphrasing him roughly and trying not to sound too ignorant (forgive me if I get the exact details wrong and do correct me, but you should get the gist of what I'm saying) some women cannot have babies due to their wombs being too weak so surrogates have the child for them. The embryo transfer is placed into the womb of the surrogate mother and sometimes the baby doesn't happen. Is this also immoral? An act that brings children and great happiness to childless couples is wrong because sometimes it doesn't work and people on the whole shouldn't want to risk it sometimes not happening and it therefore should be made illegal because it creates a situation where the fetus cannot always make it and thus we are possibly killing an innocent human's life?

In conclusion I don't know or want to make any claims about both authors' personal knowledge about the points I raised or that they apply to them personally rather than apply to Liberals/Conservatives overall and I wait for their harshest criticism. Thank you.

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EDITOR'S DESK



Hello! So, this is my first editor's desk. Well, actually I'm just filling for Angela this week. I'm Cait Penndorf and I'll be Co-Editor-in-Chief of the paper with Matt Castonguay next year. I'm really honored to be given this position and I can only hope I can live up the wonderful editors we have now.

I'm not really sure what else to write here so I guess I'll just say a few things about myself. I love coffee, scarves and Halloween. My favorite bands are Jack's Mannequin and Sublime. I love to read, especially anything about music.

Currently, I'm the Op/Ed editor, which is quite fantastic. I'm also involved in a few other groups on campus, such as food committee and A.C.E., along with being on hall and class council.

I'm really excited to take over the paper with Matt next year and I look forward to more editor's desks in the future. :)

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EDITOR'S DESK



I think everyone is coming down with a midwinter bug at this point, and this does not exclude me. The sniffing, the sneezing, the coughing and the wheezing. I got it all.

I walk into CVS and it looks more like a clinic than a pharmacy. People lining the cold medicine aisle like Sox tickets are on sale. I look around and see a smorgasbord of cold medicines. What's the difference between Musinex D and Musinex DM? Sure I could look at the label, but for 20 bucks a box, I'd rather just find a better alternative.

As I shuffle my way through the isle of sickness, coughs and sneezes a regularity. I make eye contact with another sickly individual. We give each other a haphazard greeting, which was more like a groan with a phlegmy cough added in.

After looking at what the isle-o-medicine had to offer, I decided to just go with the old fashion NyQuil/DayQuil double back along with a bag of cough drops, two boxes of tissues (buy one get one free, can't go wrong) and one of those pocket-tissue packs.

I make my way to the cashier, looking forward to a day of sleeping and playing video games. She rings-up my medicine and asks me for ID. "ID?"

I reach into my wallet, all while thinking to myself: I'm up here coughing, sneezing and looking paler than Amy Winehouse. Do I really look like a crystal-meth addict?

Oh.... I see her point...

She rings me up and right as I leave I say out loud, "I'm gonna get so high!"

Ok, so I didn't say that, but I wanted too. Damn flu season!

Jeff Dale
Editor At Large

The Freshmen Experience

By Mary Cafferty



I am officially lost. And no, not lost in a physical sense. And not lost in a metaphorical, metaphysical sense, either. Nope. My predicament lies between the hours of 9:00 and 10:00 PM on Wednesdays. That's right — LOST, the television show.

I guess I jumped on that particular bandwagon a little late. I'd missed seasons one through four, and I didn't want to come into the show in the middle — then I would have been really —ahem— lost. So it was something I always thought was sort of cool. I enjoyed listening to people argue over it, and I wondered how someone could become so engrossed in a TV show.

But I never watched it myself.

That is until one fateful day last summer, when I discovered that every episode of LOST — all of the ones I had missed — were available online. For free. It started out as a casual thing. You know, I'd watch it, maybe just a couple of episodes, so I could finally see what everyone was making such a fuss about.

But they were like potato chips. Remember those commercials? "I bet you can't eat just one!"

So I raced through the first four seasons over the course of the summer, completely enthralled. LOST is

like no other TV show I have ever seen. It's like a puzzle. A mystery. And every single episode leaves you with more questions than you began with.

Now that the show's back on television for new installments, I find that one hour of such awesomeness a week is simply not enough. And this is one of the ways in which LOST is markedly different from every other show I've followed on TV. I find myself wanting to talk about it after that last scene has aired, wanting to figure out the mystery.

Because, let's face it — I'm LOST.

Student Group Productions Deserve Their Share of Attention

Its great to see the student body so well-represented at Woodward, Alumni Field and even on the road, supporting Westfield State sports teams in action. It is great to see school spirit represented in such a positive light.

That being said, its time we as a student body, come together to embrace and support with the same raucousness and fervor that we do our sports teams, the campus groups and organizations which entertain us all throughout the year. It is often easy for us to overlook

the hard work, dedication, commitment and drive of the members of groups like STA, MTG, Dance teams, Night Owls and all the other great organizations on campus who work as hard if not harder to put on their shows and often times receive less recognition simply because of what they do.

Think about it on a personal level. As you're reading this, you can more than likely name two or three people you know personally who are involved in a student run organization that doesn't receive the attention it

deserves. Everyone who puts on a show or performs deserves a great, appreciative audience. Even if its not necessarily your thing, try to get out and support a campus group. Most events are free or cost only a few bucks to attend and for the price, its prime entertainment that you don't even need to leave campus for.

Its time we embrace all of our groups and support all of our students in all of their endeavors. We are after all, more than a student body, we are a community.



Just Sex with Lauren Mattos

Come one come all! Athena's Adult Novelties is coming to our very own Westfield State College to host a fun and exciting party February 12th in the Dickinson Common Room from 5:30-8:00 p.m. The handsome Charlie Bain, (President of Old Apartments) put this whole thing together, so I recommend all the ladies who love Athena's or plan on going for their first time, make sure to give him a big thank you. Also, he's single, easy on the eyes and plays rugby, ladies.

So the doors will

open at 5:30 and the demonstration will start at 6:00. Now when I say demonstration, I'm not talking about anything physically happening, just an explanation on how the products work. If you are looking for something specific, you can bet your sexually-frustrated life that Athena's will have it. Vibrators, massage oils, dvd's, erotica, even night light condoms if you want to make it wild while playing it safe. There is also a section labeled "Toys for Boys," so don't be shy gentleman and come on down or at least visit the website.

One thing I really like about Athena's is their strong commitment to educate women about sex in a safe environment. They are committed to removing the stigma that sex is "dirty" and can't be talked about in an open forum. If you visit their website, you will find that their mission is to "To empower women down the path of sexual education in the safe, comfortable environment of their own homes by offering only the highest quality products presented by a trained Athena's Goddess." Leave your hang-ups at the door, my friends. If for some

reason you can't make it to the party or you don't want to be around this sort of thing when there are a bunch of people around of both genders, you should definitely consider hosting your own party. Ladies, if you host a party you get a ton of free stuff, including 10% of your total party sales in free products, and \$5 free party credit for every party booked off your party. It's great to have in apartments for bachelorette parties, "your boyfriend sucks" parties, "you dumped his ass parties", "he dumped you but you're doing great so you're going to buy a

monster vibrator parties", or just a night of fun and drinks with the girls.

So please, if you can muster up the courage and have the time, come on down to the Dickinson Common Room February 12th. There will be free food, great people, and of course, sex toys. You might even meet that special someone because let's face it, there is no better conversation starter than the "Golden Jack Rabbit." Use your imagination. See you there!

Send feedback to:
wsjsex@gmail.com

Sex Toy Party!

Feb. 12 at 5:30 pm in

Dickinson & ends 8 pm

Yep, I have to agree with Molly on this one folks, gay marriage, and the debate about it is has to be one of the touchiest subjects in the public arena today right up there with the subject of abortion. However it is one that, regardless of one's views upon the subject, needs to be debated honestly in the public arena, even if at the end of the debate we all just end up mutually agreeing to disagree, it is a debate that needs to happen.

Those who advocate for gay marriage have often tried to ridicule the scriptures that the 3 largest faiths on this planet, Judaism, Christianity and Islam, just happen to have in common. Often the passages that have been cited, like the one in Leviticus, are taken not only out of literary context, but out of cultural context as well, thereby lending itself to easy manipulation of what the scriptures are in fact stating. For instance, the prohibition on eating shell fish was done to prevent you from ending up dead, because the people back in the day didn't have a clue about the bacteria that has a

nasty habit of showing itself in raw or undercooked shell fish. Even today people are warned from eating them, especially if there had been a recent algae bloom.

The other popular argument is that the 50% divorce rate among heterosexual couples today, and broken homes, and children growing up with only one parent, is another justification to allow for homosexuals to marry. I disagree with that argument as well on the grounds that in the states that allow for homosexuals to either marry or have civil unions, the divorce rate is even higher among them than the heterosexual population. That doesn't sound like a great solution to me. The fact that in today's news the lesbian couple that spearheaded the court case for gay marriage here in the Commonwealth is now getting divorced only reinforces that point.

This brings us to another interesting point. Of the 3 states that have or had recognized same sex marriage, Massachusetts,

Connecticut, and California, all three did so as

The Conservative View

By Sean Klay

a result of the courts, and not by popular vote. Since then of course we are all aware that California passed Proposition 8 that amended the State Constitution to define marriage as a union between a man and a woman. (As an aside, I find it interesting that we now have court challenges being made to argue whether the amended Constitution of California is now even constitutional, by judges and other elected and appointed officials who have sworn an oath to uphold that Constitution.) Three States have the option of civil unions, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and Vermont, and six states and one territory have enacted domestic partnerships: California, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Oregon, Washington and the District of Columbia. 14 states have enacted legal statutes that prohibit gay marriage, and 30 States have amended their Constitution

defining marriage as solely between a man and a woman. Of the states that have amended their Constitutions there is some interesting overlap: California, Hawaii, and Oregon are among the states that recognize domestic partnerships, but also have passed Constitutional Amendments. In every state where the issue has come up for a vote to amend the Constitution or pass a statute defining marriage as between a man and a woman, the votes were never even close (the one exception being California 52.3% to 47.7%), passing overwhelmingly in favor of those measures.

Marriage historically has always been defined as between a man and a woman, and this has remained a constant across cultures and time. While there has been slight deviation on this, for instance the issue of polygamy, it has

always been recognized legally only between a man and a woman. Even in classical Greece, where there is ample evidence of homosexual relationships taking place, once again marriage was defined as being between a man and a woman. The reason for this has always been the same: it is only in a heterosexual relationship can you have procreation take place, and children need to be brought up in as stable an environment as possible. Whether you view marriage as a "sacred institution" or not, you can not escape the fact that the institution of the family in its current form is the building block of society. If we are to change that definition then it should be left solely to the people to decide by popular vote, and not left to the courts to impose it. Until then, I say let the debate continue.

The Angry Liberal

By Molly Coyle

Gay marriage. It's a touchy subject that calls religious ideals into play, and when that happens, it's hard to argue either way.

According to Leviticus, no man is supposed to lie with another, but if you look at the surrounding content of this passage you will also find that Leviticus forbids people from eating shell fish, wearing certain fabric blends (i.e. Polyester) and women having sex while menstruating. This is also the part of the Bible that says that no one is allowed to mix meats and/or meat products. Now, unless you're an Orthodox Jew you probably aren't Kosher and probably shouldn't quote Leviticus as a reason why God doesn't like gay people.

I had one friend in particular growing up who came out when he was a freshman in high school. He received a lot of ridicule from not only his peers, but his parents as well. With both parents ready to disown him, my family stepped up and allowed him to spend

ample time at my house.

Eventually his parents came around, although his mother is still not particularly happy about the situation, and she still, to this day, does not like me for being "an advocate" as she so eloquently put it.

I watched my friend go through ups and downs in his relationships just like anyone else and when he was engaged and ready to get married to his long time boyfriend I couldn't have been happier for him because, in the end, all any of us want is to be loved right?

Today I have several gay and bisexual friends and they are obviously just as human as me and my straight friends so why shouldn't they be given the same opportunities as straight couples?

Now a lot of anti-gay marriage citizens claim to not be homophobic. Although I guess this could be true but doesn't it really come down to not seeing someone as your equal who

deserves the same rights as you? Yes, there is a religious element to some marriages and that makes some people a little uncomfortable, but people get married by a Justice of the Peace or even just at City or Town Hall without a ceremony at all.

It isn't always common knowledge to people what the difference is between a civil union and a marriage. To start off with, a marriage is not only a declaration of love but it also comes with legal responsibilities and benefits, whereas civil unions do not.

If a couple gets married that marriage gets recognized in any state they go to. Only a handful of states allow civil unions (Vermont, New Jersey, and Connecticut). California and Oregon have domestic partnership laws that are similar and should a gay couple choose to undergo a civil union in these states, that union is not valid in noncompliant states, thus making it really easy to break a civil union. Just move to another state. No



divorce necessary.

A civil union also does not allow for US citizens to sponsor an immigrant as a way for them to get citizenship into this country, so if you're gay and love someone from another country, and want to live together in the US, they would have to go through standard citizenship procedures.

Also, because the federal government doesn't recognize civil unions, couples would not be able to file joint tax returns or be eligible for certain tax breaks or

protections that the government gives to married couples.

And the list goes on. The bottom line is that marriage, as much as people pretend that it's a "sacred institution," has in recent years become a nonbinding commitment that allows 50% of all couples to get divorced. Gay couples deserve the same chance to get married, receive tax benefits, and then get divorced if they want to, because they have legitimate relationships too.

Adventures from Abroad

by Robert Louis McGinnity

As you are reading this I'm sure you're bundled up in a sweatshirt, sweatpants, and a coat walking in the snow or looking out the window at it. If I were you, I would get a nice cup of hot cocoa, lay in a dorm lounge and do a little studying. Either that, or have a snow ball fight...I would choose the latter personally if I was home. Unfortunately I am not, and I have exchanged the sweats for a bathing suit and a smoothie for the hot cocoa here in Hawaii.

It's been awhile since readers have last heard from me, but that's because I'm been too busy enjoying Hawaii. It is now spring semester and it's a whole new ball game. First of all, I have new roommates. Instead of living with kids that never leave their room or their computer, I am now living with

Westfield's very own Kyle Boyd and Ryan Hajjar. We have an all-Westfield room with Jason Waitkevich a few rooms away. Spring is the raining season here on Hilo side of the Big Island. We've fortunately been blessed to have numerous warm and sunny days.

I didn't go home for winter break. I figured it didn't make any sense flying home for a thousand dollars just to freeze in the cold. Instead, my mom flew here and spent two weeks with me. It was a great time, including trips to green, red, white, and black sand beaches. We also spent time here in Hilo which poured non-stop for the first two days, four days on the other side of the island in Kona, and went to Maui for three days. For one of the few times in recent memory



we got along really well.

Being a

new semester, I now have five classes and a Geology lab instead of six classes, like I did last semester. I have a job on campus unlike last semester. It is great that I got it because I am pretty much poor. I am working as a backstage and set builder at the theater on campus. Hawaii is an expensive place to live, especially when you plan trips to other islands. Plans that I have in the future consist of going to Oahu for the Pro Bowl on February 8th and going to Kauai for Spring Break on March 21-28. A lot of kids doing the NSE

program I knew last semester, left to go back to their home campuses this semester. The new group of NSE kids all seem to be from

Massachusetts, North Dakota, or Minnesota. It's cool to have kids from back home here in Hawaii though, bringing a little bit of home to me.

about being here is the connections you make. I have met people from all over the world and it has been very eye-opening.

Westfield seems to become better and better by the day. I check my WSC e-mail here checking everything that is going on. Word from back

home is that the pizzeria is a big hit on campus. I look forward to sampling it in person. I love how the globe in the middle of the green looks too. The University of Hawaii at Hilo's campus is a bit different than Westfield. There are many similarities and differences which I

will talk about in my next article. Shoots kakou, (bye everyone).



Photo by Rob McGinnity

I am planning on going on a road trip this summer to see all of the friends around the United States I have made while on exchange. That's one of the greatest things



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SYNECDOCHE, NEW YORK: ART IMITATES LIFE

Matt Gosciminski
Voice Reporter

It's been two weeks since I've seen "Synecdoche, New York", Charlie Kaufman's directorial debut and I have to say that my mind still doesn't know what to make of the film. It is my initial instinct to say that I loved it, but then again I didn't completely understand it, and if I keep thinking about it I wonder what exactly Kaufman had for a vision in his mind when he brought this to the silver screen.

The film is about a play director, Caden Cotard (Phillip Seymour Hoffman), who is trying to create a play of the utmost realism and truth. During this venture we see ways that his life spirals out of his control, such as the desertion of his wife, an estranged daughter he occasionally laments after, and other random relationships that crash and burn around him. Also, as the movie progresses, he suffers from a mysterious disease that causes his autonomous functions (producing tears, salivating) to cease one by one. His play, which is inside a ware-

house where he reconstructed New York City for people to live out their normal lives in order to attain that "truth" he so desperately seeks becomes a descent into madness as the years progress and it grows in size. At one point, there is a play happening within the play, and Caden has an actor that is playing his role. To further the confusion, he then has an actor that is playing the role of the actor that is playing Caden, so you can see how the movie may be difficult to understand at times.

If you are familiar with Kaufman, you will know that he is a screenwriter that has very surrealistic and incredibly imaginative ideas. Some of his previous scripts, "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind", "Adaptation", and "Being John Malkovich" all were brilliant in their layout, structure, and material. However,

this is the first movie for which he both wrote and directed material. This I think is both a bad and good thing. It is good because Kaufman is able to explore his ideas more fully and what we see is Kaufman's unfiltered vision:

beneficial.

My favorite thing about this movie is that it's a thinker. It certainly won't appeal to a mass audience, it simply isn't accessible enough. After seeing it once you are left with a ravenous urge to see it again and try to decipher some symbol or nuance that you might have missed the first time around, and I can say with 100% certainty that there will be things that you miss.

Another thing that I enjoyed about this movie is that Kaufman portrayed all of the actors in such a negative light. Their blemishes were prominent, and you could see the toll age had taken. Any excess fat the characters had wasn't hidden and this did a lot to attribute to the overall mood of the movie. Although that mood may have been

horribly depressing at times the movie doesn't suffer at all because of it.

The only thing that I can possibly gripe about this movie is that sometimes it's very difficult; it is in no way an easy watch. The timeline jumps around by years without any warning; it was a half hour before I realized the movie had moved forward a good amount because I realized a scar that one of the characters got early on had healed to a minor blemish. Some of it is also very inconsistent and is such a departure from reality that you can't tell if what you are seeing is what's actually happening, if it's part of Caden's mind, or if it's part of the play that he's trying to create.

The theme of the movie is essentially how everyone has his or her own story. Everyone we meet has something to say or is thinking about something we will never know. We should look inward rather than at the lives of others. As Caden tells the audience in the movie, "there are millions of people in the world. And none of those people are as an extra, they're all leads in their own stories."



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however, on the flip side, some of the movie is so surreal and disconnected that having a director to "ground" his ideas may also have been

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Spears Steps Up As Ringmaster!

James Dinh
Voice Reporter

A circus is generally known for its elaborate production, shock and "awe" tricks, and visual-stimulating acts. The show has a drawl about it that absolutely captivates and entices the audience for more. The same thing could be said for Miss Britney Spears. Whether it was the once shaven head, the paparazzi boyfriend, or the gurney that she was strapped to when she locked her her kids and herself in a bathroom, it was apparent that her fate stood in a questionable stance. But after a court ordered conservatorship that handed her father, Jamie Spears, full control over her daughter's finances and most decisions, the recovery process began. She started keeping a low profile, seen her children more, and her only public sightings included that of grabbing some coffee or heading to the gym. The MTV Video Music Awards 2008 marked the beginning of a comeback for the fallen princess of pop. For the first time in her decade long career, she won three moon men awards at the awards ceremony for her video "Piece of Me" and received a

standing ovation as she opened the show. Now on the day of her 27th birthday, Britney Spears released her 6th studio album entitled "Circus," a title that gives a hint of her self awareness of her chaotic life. Unlike her last LP

"Blackout," which for the most part focused on danceable beats and a complimenting voice to incorporate, "Circus" brings the attention back to Britney and memorable pop melodies.

First single, penned by up and coming producers The Outsiderys, is a vengeful, up-tempo monster of a track that finds Spears on a mission to expose a man who takes advantage of women. The song begins with its pulsating beat, catchy hook, and mass repetition. Second single, "Circus," is on track to explode in the same manner as "Womanizer."

Produced by Dr. Luke (Kelly Clarkson/Pink), the song uses heavy drums, multi-layered vocals, and a techno infused beat that results in a captivating outcome. Production on the track stands out and the added

heart / I expect you to / so why haven't you?" in beginning chorus which creates an intimate and emotional complex. Robotic Brit takes over on "Mannequin" but as effect-induced her vocals may sound, they work well with

the busy and innovative beat. With Spanish guitars and fast in-sync drums, the instrumental takes front on the track which should be the perfect cut for Spears to showcase her performing skills. The retro, 60's track, "Mmm...Papi" is amusing, while "Kill the Lights" is a club banger, but falters in comparison to fellow

Danja produced work such as "Gimme More."

The word "controversy" has never been one too far off with Spears and she sure brings it to the song, "If You Seek Amy." Produced by Max Martin, the very man that created "...Baby One More Time," she begins with a similar "oh baby baby" line (much like the song that start-

ed her career) and transcends into a fun, up beat, yet dark dynamic. Now say the title of the song fast. Clever, isn't she? On the Guys

Siggsworth-produced ballad, "Out from Under," Britney sings of the struggle to overcome an ex-lover. With a pre-conceived notion of her vocal limitations, it's evident she knows her boundaries but nonetheless, she can carry a tune. The other ballad on the album is an ode to her children. "My Baby" creates a blissful aura but the lyrics are frivolous and melody proves to be nothing more than that a nursery rhyme. "Radar," a track that appeared on "Blackout," makes an appearance on the album as well.

There was a time, a mere 11 months ago, when people predicted that the end was near for the once American sweetheart. But all of the troubles and stipulations that this woman has endured in the past year has only set her up for an even bigger return.

"Circus" reinforces the fact that Spears knows what her strengths are as well as her weaknesses. She works well with her duties to deliver pop music in great standard. Get ready folks, the circus is in town!



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dance break midway is the cherry on top.

"Unusual You" finds the singer talking about unexpected love. Produced by Bloodshy & Avant ("Toxic"/"Piece of Me"), the song takes lift with its steady trance-like beat and Britney's airy and layered vocals. She sings "didn't anyone tell you / you're supposed to / break my

STA To Perform One Act Play "Hello Out There"

Matthew Castonguay
Sports Editor

For those of you who will be on campus next weekend and are looking for something to do, what could be better than supporting your fellow students by attending Student Theatre Association's production of William Saryon's one-act play "Hello Out There?" The play, directed by Panagiota Kanavaros, will open Feb. 11th at 8 p.m. in the Ely Black Box Theater and will run until Saturday, Feb. 14th. Along with the regular 8 p.m. start times, there will be two matinee performances at 2:30 p.m. on Friday the 13th and Saturday the 14th. Tickets are \$2.00 general admission and are on sale now at

the Ely Campus center. Tickets will be available at the door, however, there is NO reservation line. Tickets must be purchased in person. Donations to STA are also welcomed. The show stars Westfield State junior Amy Ceven and sophomore Bryant Cyr, and, according to director, Panagiota Kanavaros, is "the story of two people who connect and come to life in the most unlikely of situations." The play also includes appearances by WSC students Damon Warnock, Matt Harrington, Brian Seannell and Megan DeSimone.

"We began rehearsals the Monday before Thanksgiving and throughout the process the actors and stage managers have all been great. They've committed them-

selves from 5-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and, actually, many weekends too," Kanavaros said. "As part of a student-run organization that doesn't receive class credit, the dedication has been more than admirable. The level of self discipline and motivation with out the presence of a professor has been superb."

If you're worried about missing something later in the evening, have no fear; the shows running time is only about a half hour. So if you're looking for something to do this coming week that's cheap and entertaining, come support your fellow students and STA by watching "Hello Out There" at Ely Theater from Feb. 11th to the 14th.

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EDITOR'S DESK



So is there anyone on campus who isn't sick? It seems as if everyone I run into has the sniffles, or the aches, or a terrible cough. I won't run through my day to day activities like Jeff did, but that's just something I noticed.

One of my professors, who shall remain nameless, brought to my attention the other day that Jeff, myself, and Matt, focus a lot of our attention on the Red Sox when baseball season is still a month and a half away. I say, why not?

When the equipment truck leaves Fenway Park every February en route to Fort Myers carrying all of the players equipment, that can only mean one thing, spring is right around the corner. With baseball comes spring, my second favorite season besides fall (also associated with baseball) and I think at this point we could all use a little bit of warm weather.

So for all of you who follow March Madness and all of the excitement that February and March bring (yawn), then I applaud you. But to me, Red Sox season is 12 months a year. Plus, Duke is just going to break your heart in the end anyways.

6 Days Until Pitchers & Catchers

Song of the week: The Kinks - Lola

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Springsteen, Phish to Headline '09 Bonnaroo Music Festival

Colby Henderson
Editor-in-Chief

Two days after Bruce Springsteen's Super Bowl XLIII halftime show, the announcement was made that he, along with along with the recently reunited Vermont jam band, Phish, would headline the 2009 Bonnaroo Music Festival from June 11-14 in Manchester, TN.

As of this past Monday, the other big names joining The Boss and Phish on stage include but are not limited to: The Beastie Boys, Nine Inch Nails, David Byrne of Talking Heads, Wilco, Elvis Costello, Al Green, Snoop Dogg, The Mars Volta, Merle Haggard, Ben Harper, Brett Dennen, Gov't Mule, .Moe, The Decemberists, and many more.

Bonnaroo Music Festival was first held in 2002

in Manchester, TN. It was originally intended to be a festival solely for jam-bands, featuring many popular jam bands including: Widespread Panic, The String Cheese Incident, Trey Anastasio of Phish, and Phil Lesh and Bob Weir of the Grateful Dead.

to kick off their 30th anniversary tour. The Dead played Bonnaroo in 2003 and 2004, keeping up with the "jam-band" theme being displayed at the time. Despite rumors of a stop at Bonnaroo amidst a reunion tour this summer, as of right now the Dead are not slated to play at the festival. Bonnaroo, which comes from a Cajun slang word meaning "a really good time," is widely considered to be one of the most popular and exciting yearly music festivals, averaging between 70

and 80,000 people since 2002. Rolling Stone magazine has called Bonnaroo "the ultimate over the top summer festival."

Tickets for the four day festival go on sale Saturday, Feb. 7 at 12:00 p.m. For more information go to bonnaroo.com.

However, in recent years, the concert has welcomed different acts from all genres of music as well as stand up comedians.

In 2007, The Police included Bonnaroo in their reunion tour and the year before Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers used Bonnaroo



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NBA midseason report

Jeff Dale
Editor-At-Large

The first half of the 2009 NBA season has breezed by quickly. With two weeks to the All-Star game in Phoenix, the league standings are starting to round into shape.

The Celtics (41-9) are back on top in the Eastern Conference after a holiday slump and have returned to their dominate selves. They boast the best record in the NBA and have won 12 in a row after Tuesday night's thrilling victory over Philly. Defense is where it all begins with the Green and it's what has gotten them back to their winning ways.

The Cavaliers (38-9) also are coming on strong thanks to LeBron James (who should just be named MVP-Elect). King James has started to assert his dominance on the NBA with MJ-level competitiveness, personifying that old saying: *I'm not just going to beat you. I'm going to embarrass you.* James is averaging 27.7 points, 7 assists and 7.5 boards a game, and the Cavs have not lost at home this season (23-0). His biggest game was his in-your-face performance against the Celtics a couple weeks ago when he dropped 38 on the defending champs.

At this point, the Celtics and Cavaliers are the two Eastern Conference titans, and no other team in

the East poses a real threat. The Magic are extremely one-dimensional, especially against a good defensive team like the Cavs or Celtics. Opponents just need to defend the three and implement back-a-Howard (56 percent from the charity stripe) to win. Orlando doesn't have any premier scorers, and Dwight Howard can't be considered one because of his free throw problems.

The Pistons are old and seem like a franchise stuck in reverse after the Chauncey Billups trade. Seriously, though, what did that trade do for them besides give them another shoot-first guard, of which they already had two? They might have cleared some cap space for what looks like an epic 2010 free agency, but sacrificing a season to do so can't be going over well in the Motor City.

The one potential dark horse in the East is the Dwayne Wade-led Miami Heat. D-Wade is a top three player in the league and is healthy-- finally (knock on wood). Ever since he led the Heat to the title, along with Shaq in 2006, Wade has gone through the ringer as far as injuries go. Considering he is one of the good guys in the league, and a constant competitor, there is reason to fear him. He also is averaging 28.4 point, 7.1 assists and 5.1 boards a game, and has scored 30 or more points 19 times this season, so yeah, be afraid. Also, a major trade

could boost Miami's chances.

(The Hawks should make it to the postseason, but the last two Eastern playoff spots are up for grabs. Anybody from the Knicks, Bobcats, Nets, Bulls, Buck, 76ers, Pacer and Raptors could secure a berth considering their all within five games of each other. Let's just put it this way. Whoever is the No. 1 seed won't be having any problems breezing through the first round (unlike the Celtics last year.)

The Western Conference is pretty much the same as last year, with a few exceptions. The Nuggets have a team to be reckoned with and the only reason why is Chauncey Billups. He has brought exactly what Denver needed-- a floor general that is not afraid to take the big shot. Sure, Allen Iverson was not bad either, but what you get in Billups is a player who knows what it takes to win.

The Lakers (38-9)

lead the West, again, and are tied with the Cavs for the second best record in the league. The Lakers should breeze to an easy No. 1 seed, and that would have been a good prediction until Andre Bynum went down with a torn MCL earlier this week. After knocking Gerald Wallace out, giving him a cracked rib along with a collapsed lung, Bynum got a taste of the injury bug as well. I guess what goes around comes around.

San Antonio, like Detroit in the East, is past its prime, but don't count out Tim Duncan who doesn't even seem human. The guy is the model of consistency, and as long as he's healthy, the Spurs have a shot.

New Orleans almost beat San Antonio last year, and who knows what type of damage the Hornets could have done after that. Chris Paul is the best point guard in the league and probably will be for the next four to six years (when Derrick Rose comes knocking). Despite Paul's ability to force his will offensively and defensively (108 straight games with a steal, a streak that was broken earlier this season), he can't do it all by himself. Big-Shot-Posely will help New Orleans in the playoffs, but ultimately won't be enough.

The rest of the West (Portland, Houston, Dallas, Phoenix, Utah) are all within four games of each other. Anyone of them could start playing amazing hoops and take the league by storm in the second half. The Trail Blazers have Greg Oden and Brandon Roy. The Rockets have Yao Ming, Ron Artest and the glass body of Tracy McGrady. The Mavericks have Dirk Nowitzki, who is always a factor, and don't sleep on Jason Kidd (he has 101 career triple-doubles). The Suns have a rejuvenated Shaq, along with Steve Nash and Amar'e Stoudemire, who have not been playing up to their potential (especially

Amar'e). Lastly, the Jazz are on the outside looking in if the playoffs started today, but lucky for them, they don't. Also lucky for them, Carlos Boozer is expected to return from his knee injury before the All-Star break, and that bodes well for Utah's chances at a playoff run.

Editor's Note

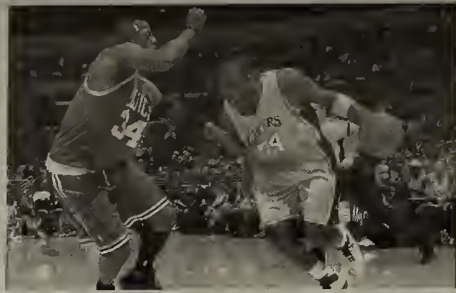
The Celtics faced the Lakers last night and due to the wonders of print journalism I don't know what happened yet, but that won't stop me from making a prediction.

Game of the Week Boston vs. Lakers

Ultimately, this game will come down to the Celtics ability to play their game, plain and simple. Considering it's at home, and the Big Three have Christmas Day to think about, this has potential to be game of the year. If the Celtics play defense, get a contribution from Eddie House or Big Baby (like recently) and prevent turnovers, they should beat L.A. The biggest X-factor for the Lakers is always Kobe. He can take over a game, and before you blink, it's over before it started (dropped 61 in his last game against the Knicks). The Celtics never allowed him to do that in the Finals last year. For the Celtics, it's a combo of Rondo and Allen, who shot a combined 8-for-25 on Christmas Day. They need them to play big.

Prediction

Celtics 110 Lakers 108 in Overtime



Could these two meet again in the Finals?

photo courtesy of NBA.com

Sox bring Varitek back for 2009

Teresa Dollfuss
Sports Reporter

After a long off season filled with some uncertainty, the Red Sox have resigned veteran catcher and captain Jason Varitek.

Varitek will be returning for his 12th season in Boston, after signing a one-year contract last Friday. His contract is for one-year, \$5 million, along with an option for 2010. The option states that either the Red Sox could activate it for another \$5 million, or Varitek could activate it, but only for \$3 million. If Varitek activates his \$3 million option in 2010, he could make an additional \$2 million in incentives. In total, Varitek could be making anywhere from \$8 million to \$10 million over the next two years.

Clearly this deal will benefit the Red Sox pitching

staff, seeing as how Varitek is known as one of the best catchers for a pitcher to work with. Many pitchers who have worked with him have stated this. The younger pitchers on the staff will benefit from his experience, but the question is, will his offense improve any from last season?

In 2008, Varitek hit .220 with 11 home runs and 43 RBIs, his most offensive season in his entire career. You have to wonder if his slowing production numbers are a direct effect of the fact that he is getting up there in age. Varitek will be turning 37 in April, so there has to be a definite age factor in the Sox decision to bring him back.

As a leader to the pitching staff, a leader in the clubhouse and an all around amazing catcher, Varitek has influenced the Red Sox organization greatly.

However, there is a point where you have to realize when is a good time to let go, no matter how much you may not want to. With Varitek's advancing age, it will become harder and harder for him to get through the rigors of catching.

In my opinion, I think the Sox brought Varitek back for his ability to command a pitching staff, and probably to help train a younger catcher that the Red Sox may be getting down the road. Varitek probably won't produce much more than he did last season, but his expertise will be greatly appreciated.



Westfield women win 8th straight

WORCESTER - Senior guard Lauren Sylvain scored a game-high 14 points and Westfield State overcame another first-half double-digit deficit to defeat Worcester State, 64-50, on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

The Owls won their eighth straight in boosting their overall record to 17-3, the best mark after 20 games in school history. Westfield is 8-0 in the Mass. State Conference. Worcester State drops to 5-15 and 1-7.

The Lancers did not play like a last-place team as they scored 10 straight points to take a 27-17 lead with 4:01 remaining in the first half. Like all good teams, however,

Westfield then executed one of its several scoring runs in the game. The Owls went on a 14-2 run over the final four minutes to take a 31-29 half-time lead. Lauren Sylvain scored five points, including a 3-point basket, during the key scoring spurt.

The teams traded baskets during the first 10 minutes of the second half. The Owls took the lead for good, 44-42, on a 3-point basket by Katie Sylvain with 9:56 remaining. The trey ignited a 19-3 run that gave Westfield a commanding 60-45 lead with 2:24 remaining.

Katie Sylvain had another fine all-around game with 11 points, including a 3

for 5 effort from 3-point range, and team highs of eight rebounds, three assists and three steals. Andrea Wasuk had 13 points and six rebounds and Cassy Jouanet finished with 11 points and seven boards.

The Owls played without junior point guard Sarah Boudreau, who was bedridden with the flu. Freshman guard Janae Jones and junior guard Krista Corriveau played 22 and 21 minutes, respectively, scoring four points apiece.

Alaxis George was one of three Worcester players in double figures with a team-high 13 points.



Owl senior Lauren Sylvain

Owls Standings

Men's Basketball
MASCAC Conference
as of 2/4/09

Salem St.	16-4(6-1)
Bridgewater St.	13-5(6-1)
Westfield St.	13-7(6-2)
Worcester St.	10-10(4-4)
Framingham St.	11-9(3-4)
Fitchburg St.	6-11(1-6)
MCLA	1-19(0-8)

Upcoming games:
(home games in bold)
2/7 Salem St.
2/10 @ MCLA
2/12 @ Curry

Women's Basketball
MASCAC Conference
as of 1/28/09

Westfield St.	17-3(8-0)
Bridgewater St.	12-7(5-2)
Fitchburg St.	12-7(452)
MCLA	12-8(3-5)
Framingham St.	8-11(2-5)
Salem St.	7-12(2-5)
Worcester St.	5-15(1-7)

Upcoming Games:
(home games in bold)
2/7 Salem St.
2/10 @ MCLA
2/12 WNEC

Men's Ice Hockey
MASCAC Conference
as of 1/28/09

Salem St.	11-6-1(3-0-1)
Westfield St.	9-4-4(2-1-1)
Fitchburg St.	7-7-5(1-0-3)
Worcester St.	4-10-2(0-2-2)
Fram St.	0-16-4(0-3-1)

Upcoming Games:
(home games in bold)

2/10 WNEC
2/18 @ Curry
2/12 @ Stonehill

Hockey Game vs. WNEC Postponed - Rescheduled For Sunday, Feb. 8, At Amelia Park Arena

Abbott, Owls spear Lancers, 80-71

WORCESTER - Asa Abbott scored a game-high 20 points to lead Westfield State to an 80-71 victory over Worcester State on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

The Owls improved to 13-7 overall and 6-2 in the Mass. State Conference. The Lancers are 10-10 and 4-4.

Westfield overcame an early 10-point deficit as it trailed 20-10. But the Owls outscored the Lancers 29-9 in the final 10 minutes of the first half for a 39-29 lead. The reserves played a key role in the comeback as the

Westfield bench outscored Worcester's subs, 23-9, in the first half.

Westfield led by as many as 17 points with seven minutes remaining in the second half. Worcester quickly cut the lead to seven points, but Westfield withstood the home team's comeback attempt.

Junior reserve guard Derek Leab was the only other Westfield player in double figures with 13 points. Four Owls scored eight points apiece, including Dave

Jaehning, the team's top scorer this season. Jaehning did finish with a game-high eight assists and team-high six rebounds.

Westfield shot 51 percent from the field, including 9 for 24 from 3-point range. Worcester made 24 field goals in 53 attempts, relying mainly on its 3-point shooting (12 for 24) to keep the game close.

Maurice Horton led the Lancers with 18 points, 10 rebounds and four assists.



Asa Abbott

Swim team copes with pool closing

The closing of the Campus Center pool has created a struggle for the Westfield State College swimming and diving team.

The pool closing is because of the new federal law - Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act - that took effect earlier this year. The law calls for pools to meet specific standards for the installation of drain covers.

Westfield State's pool does not meet these standards, and the L-shaped drain covers it needs are not available yet, making it even more frustrating in the efforts to reopen the pool.

The swimming and diving squad can no longer access the pool for practices and meets that have been conducted there for nearly three decades. One of the team's main challenges is not being able to practice together. The six divers have to make the trek to Springfield College to use its diving boards, while

the rest of the team uses the pools at Westfield High School, the Westfield Boys and Girls Club, and the local YMCA.

"I don't get to see my entire team until game day," said Westfield State veteran head coach Dave Laing. "I would love to be able to practice again with everyone." Laing also mentioned that the three facilities have been more than generous in helping with their tough situation.

A recent positive light was the team's annual trip to Florida for training over the semester break. Seventeen of the 31 team members participated in the Florida workouts. The trip was not all sun and beach, but a series of vigorous practices to ensure the team stays in shape over the winter break.

Senior breaststroker Aimee Raposo said the Florida trip was "a good opportunity for the team to bond together, which is something the team needs right

now."

When Laing was asked who his standouts are, he responded humbly, "all of them." He added that they work hard together and encourage one another.

Senior captain Cairsten Bealand said: "We all bring different aspects to the team. We each have our own strengths. There is a lot of depth on the team and everyone is a team player."

The NCAA Division III national champions are in the sight for freshman diver Kimi Schmidt. Schmidt is one score away from qualifying for nationals in the one-meter diving. And even if a diver meets the qualifying scores, a national board still has to review videos of her qualifying meets to make the final decision. If Schmidt does make nationals, it will be the first time in 18 years that a Westfield State athlete has qualified.

Overall, the season has been "so far so good",

according to Laing. The swimmers have been doing an excellent job at trying to adapt to the changes that have disrupted their practice routines.

"It's a struggle but we're hanging on," said senior captain Kelly Johnson.

The team again has high hopes of performing well at the New England championships. The Owls hope to equal or better their fifth-place finish in the 2008 New England finals and fourth place in 2007.

"Our goals our to beat our times from last year and to do just our best," said Bealand.

The future of the pool has still not been determined, but hopefully by next season it will be in use again. The team is looking forward to hosting its final home meet at Westfield High School on Wednesday, Feb. 11. The annual Senior Night ceremony will take place prior to the meet vs. Regis College.

FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

I am an addict. A sick, twisted, addict. I'm not addicted to illegal drugs, nor am I an alcoholic. I don't need fistfuls of sleeping pills to get a good night's rest nor do I need to pound Red Bulls to stay awake. And you won't find me burning smokes between classes but believe me I am addicted.

My addiction is Fantasy Baseball. Yes sir, I love it. I mean, it's a natural obsession for a former ball player like myself. After all, those who can't play, coach. And those who can't coach, play fantasy sports.

I have to believe I'm not the only one out there who spends hours upon hours, staring glassy-eyed at their computer screens from March to September, ever-vigilant, waiting for the next Eric Hinske-type player to clear waivers. I have to believe I'm not the only one who's passed on a beach trip because the Massachusetts shoreline isn't WiFi compatible or spent the drive into town on vacation looking for WiFi compatible haunts like

Starbucks or Panera Bread so that I can be damn sure my roster wouldn't go more than 24 hours without being cared for. I have to believe I'm not alone.

The league I play in, "Mark It Zero," is a Yahoo free league, but we play for good money. Last year our payout for first place was \$250 and next year, we're going to be around \$400 for first place. The league has jumped from 12 to 16 players and next year, will be the first year it's a keepers league, meaning, all 16 of us will be roped into our rosters for the next three years. By then, hopefully, I'll have a "real" job whose time I can kill scrolling through page after seemingly meaningless page of fantasy stats. I know I won't be alone in that; my former high school principal and dean of students, who plays in the league, are already doing this at their "real" job.

That being said, I guess it's the perfect obsession-I mean hobby- for high school administrators and

aspiring sports journalists or elitist jerks who can't wait to sock it to their buddies who have always been better than them at real sports. I honestly believe that every Fantasy baseball league is made up of administrators, former athletes, elitist jerks or Bill Simmons wannabes. I must admit, I am proud to represent three of those groups.

That being said, last year I had a rough year. I'm beginning to taste it now, that acidic taste that's left in your mouth when you lose and are left to stew for weeks or months. It's back, and like Die Hard, so am I, with a vengeance. Last year, my buddy Rick (Conor Awesome Kennedy) won it all with a team whose average age couldn't get an alcoholic beverage anywhere but Church. Adam Dunn was the oldest player on his roster and he's only 29. I (Stop! HAMELtime) stammered to a 7th place finish and missed the playoffs, despite having the best pitching staff in the league with Rich Harden, Tim Lincecum, Cole Hamels and

Josh Beckett. I missed the playoffs by 0.01 points in WHIP because Cole Hamels walked the eighth hitter to face the pitcher in a late September game against the Mets. My friend John (All Along the WatchMAUER) missed the promise land by 0.01 ERA points, leaving us all winter to cry in our milk. This year, will be different. I can't wait to see what my buddy Tom (It's in the BaGGLO, Joe DiMAGGIO) and, I'm sure, his #1 pick Magglio Ordonez, have in store for us after going from first to worst in our league last year. It'll be interesting (probably not at all to you but) to me. All I know is Stop! HAMELtime will not finish outside the top 3 this year. Mark it.

Perhaps the best thing about fantasy baseball leagues is what I just rambled on about. The stories, the heated rivalries and the offensive team names that only you and the other 15 idiots you play with can laugh and argue about for years to come since,

after all, the good majority of us will never have real life sports accomplishments to hold onto. Fantasy baseball plaques will be our championship trophies, they'll be what we put up in our professional offices and talk about aimlessly to our wives who don't care. These wonderful reminders of achievements and greatness from our past will be our pathetic life line to our not-so storied pasts. I can only hope my cubicle is covered with pictures of my kids' finger paintings that supposedly spell out "Dad" and cheap plastic trophies with my name on it. No matter how much busy work I get, no one will be able to take away my fantasy baseball achievements. No one. Unless of course my wife or girlfriend or, at this stage in the game, mother, discards it.

Alright, I've got mock drafts to do and junk food to eat. Until next time sports fans...

Round Table: Who Is A Better Pick Up: Abreu or Dunn?



Colby Henderson

If I were the GM of a young team like Tampa Bay or Florida, I would sign Abreu to a one year deal because I think he could have a solid veteran presence in a young clubhouse plus the man can still play ball. As for Dunn, I would sign him if I were a contender like the Red Sox, Indians, Angels, etc. to either add a solid bat off the bench or to platoon with one of my regulars.



Jeff Dale

I'm torn on this one, because with each guy you get a different product. If you want walks, runs and a great on base percentage go with Abreu. If you want a guy who can hit for power in any park and walks a tone as well then go with Dunn. Dunn's strikeout number are a red flag though, so I would have to go with Abreu. He maybe the older of the two, but he still consistently produces on more than a power/rbi basis. He's more of a complete players than Dunn ever will be.



Matthew Castonguay

Adam Dunn because he is Adam Dunn. Why wouldn't you want a guy who has hit 40 home runs in each of the past four seasons. That right there is consistency!! CHA YEAH BITTY BITTY



Patrick Dayton

Bobby Abreu because Adam Dunn strikes out way too much.



Dan Swartz

I'm choosing Bobby Abreu. I love Dunn's consistency, he's hit 40 home runs exactly in each of the last 4 years. But he lacks other tools such as stolen bases, and striking out at a 165 clip, that's more than a K a day. Abreu is a very nice player and has been for many years. Abreu is also a man of consistency. He has driven in 100-107 runs in the past 7 years. He's also good for 15-20 home runs and stealing 20-30 bases at the age of 34. Dunn is a beast of a man, a football player that got lost on his way to the stadium and ended up at a Cincinnati Red's try-out. When he connects, forget about it, but other than that he's not getting to second base very often. Abreu produces runs, and scores them in many different ways, which is priceless for any baseball team.

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

You are in your high cycle right now and that means to pull out all the stops. Push yourself hard as possible, as long as the planets are backing your actions. This is the kind of energy where even if you make a mistake, chances are it will be the right mistake to make.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

This is one of those weeks when you have to realize that things are not as they might currently appear. This is chart energy that requires you to maintain personal faith in yourself and that you're making the right decisions for your life.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

This chart energy is designed to take you way far away from your comfort zone. It's there to take you to the edge where your creativity can be expressed and your personal genius to be unleashed. The universe will make sure the right people will appear to fuel you onward.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

This is your week to really shine brightly in both your career and social life. It might not always seem like it, but all eyes will be watching you to see what you do next. Everything will seem to stop until you take action. There is no room for any moral or ethical mistakes. Go the extra mile when helping others.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

More and more you're going to be looking for ways to express yourself in manners that you aren't used to. This is great for your creativity, though the ideas you come up with might be hard to implement or may not be too accessible to the general public.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

Everything stands to provide you with distraction and getting into a good work flow might be impossible. The best move is to suck it up and do what you are supposed to.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

Any structure you can introduce into your life will help you immensely right now. You will also need to watch just how willing you are to take risks. You can take chances sheerly for the thrill of seeing how they turn out, though if they turn out poorly, you might not be in a good position to get out of a bad spot.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

This is tough energy because you can try to be too involved in things going on around you which can often lead to you being the one who messes everything up. At the same time, it'll be hard for you to sit on the sidelines and just watch. Patience is your best bet.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 23)

It's important for you to pay attention to your responsibilities to other people as you will have this need to keep all of your relationships on good terms. Make sure you spend your time wisely.

Libra

(September 24 - October 23)

Here, your gut feeling is usually going to point you in the right direction. It all comes down to confidence. You need to stand up to others here and tell them that you know what you are doing. Others typically won't believe this until you make a point of actually telling them to back off.

Scorpio

(October 24 - November 23)

Some of your friends can be enablers here, driving you to take risky actions that you normally wouldn't consider. It's up to you to know when to say know. Don't feel as though you can rely on the blame game either. If you mess up, "He told me it was okay" isn't going to get you out of trouble.

Sagittarius

(November 21 - December 23)

External pressures might be driving you in a specific direction right now. It seems as though everyone knows what's best for you and these suggestions can become a burden in your mind. For now, you might want to try doing things your own way and make your own mistakes along the way.

* Horoscopes by weeklyhoroscope.com

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





Thumbs Up / Thumbs Down



Dunkaccino's back at Dunkin' Donuts



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Tue 2/10	High 42 Low 28		Mostly Cloudy 10% Chance of Prec.
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Speaker Series continues with Katrina Browne



Katrina Browne and family in Africa. Photo courtesy of Google Images.

Jeff Dale
Editor At-Large

WESTFIELD- This past Monday, Feb. 9 in Scanlon Banquet Hall, Katrina Browne's Sundance Film Festival nominee "Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North" was aired to an audience of over 200 stu-

dents and faculty.

Katrina Browne grew up in Bristol, Conn. into one of the more historic families in American history, the DeWolff family.

"My DeWolff ancestors were known as the great folk in Bristol," Browne said during the film.

Browne said her relatives were professors, writers,

architects and Episcopal ministers, but it never occurred to her how the DeWolffs got so established until her grandmother did some research.

"She explained that the first DeWolff, Mark Anthony, came to Bristol as a sailor in 1744. And then she wrote, 'I haven't stomach enough to describe the ensuing slave trade!'" Browne said, quoting her

grandmother.

Browne admitted that she had already known her family's slave trading past, but "buried it along the way."

"But none in my family realized that the DeWolffs were the largest slave trading family in American history. They brought over 10,000 Africans to the Americas in chains. Half a million of their descendants could be alive today."

The documentary highlighted Browne's journey, along with eight of her relatives, to Africa and Cuba.

Much of the film centered on the family's guilt over their ancestors' past; guilt that had been manifested in their upbringing.

Keila DePoorter said that her family had a 'no talk' rule.

"You don't talk about unpleasant things. There's a line in one of our family books that said: 'You should never talk about sex, religion, politics and the last one was the negro,'" DePoorter said.

Throughout the film the DeWolffs reflected on their

ancestors' thought process.

"I stood in the dungeon and I say bullshit," Tom DeWolff said. "It was an evil thing and they knew it."

The film showed the famous triangular-trade route. The DeWolff's journey was similar to this: Going to the west coast of Africa, where their ancestors bought slaves, then going to Cuba, where the slaves would be forced to work sugar cane plantations. The sugar cane would be used in Bristol at the DeWolff's rum distilleries and sent to Africa in sale for more slaves. A never-ending cycle.

The power of the journey was shown through how the family took action in the end of the documentary. They first became active in church, asking for forgiveness and trying to get an apology for slavery.

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Multiple tours and post-traumatic stress disorder take a toll on soldiers

Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

When you woke up by that obnoxious alarm this morning, did you have to drag yourself out of bed and force yourself to go to class? Did it feel just too cold to go outside? As difficult as it may seem to force yourself to get up and go to class in the cold, there are those who face much more challenging tasks in the morning. There are people who are glad to wake up alive every morning, people who wake up with a weapon in their hands, and people who maybe wish they hadn't woken up at all. Who are these people? These people are the courageous men and women who are fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan today.

Many Americans do not think about the Iraq War daily because it does not affect them directly. Americans are caught up with worrying about their own lives and how they are going to adjust to the hurting economy. They are concerned

with their own interests and maybe the thought of an exhausted soldier hasn't even crossed their minds for weeks or months. But whether or not Americans and college students are thinking about the war, it's still going on. Suicide bombers are still a threat, Iraqi civilians' lives are still in danger, Iraq is still unstable, and American soldiers are still dying.

According to the Washington Post, 4,243 U.S. soldiers have died since the war began in March 2003

(www.washingtonpost.com). Compared to other wars in U.S. history, this number of casualties is actually low. But that doesn't justify the deaths of these soldiers or the deaths of the Iraqi civilians either. It's not just that the Iraqi civilians and the U.S. soldiers are dying in Iraq though, but that the U.S. soldiers are, sadly, taking their own lives. The U.S. Army recently issued a report on the suicide rates of American soldiers. Last year, 128 soldiers killed themselves (www.abenews.gov.com). Suicide

rates are jumping as the years wear on. Some of these soldiers are on their second or third tours in Iraq and Afghanistan and they are scarred after witnessing the horrors of war. Many soldiers return from the war with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). According to the National Institute of Mental Health, PTSD is an anxiety disorder that results from a person being subject to shocking or violent events or situations (www.nimh.nih.gov). The soldiers who return from these tours need support that they obviously are not getting. Also, the soldiers who are still in Iraq and Afghanistan need help and support so they are not tempted to end their lives too.

So what can an average college student do? Send letters to a soldier, email a friend or family member serving, volunteer or maybe read the news once in a while to be aware of what's going on. To find out more information on how to write a serving member of the military, go to sites like



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www.anysoldier.com or www.soldierangel.org. Although college students are busy with classes and homework, activities and friends and work, it might really change your attitude and the life of somebody else if you take the time to write a letter to a soldier.

The truth of the matter is that the war wages on whether or not Americans care about it. There may be a new man in the White house, but that doesn't mean the war is going to end

tomorrow. Everyone wants the troops to come home soon, but a clear solution seems to be evading the U.S. government. The new administration clearly has different ideals than the Bush Administration and will no doubt approach the war differently. However, all of the men and women serving are not going to come home soon. In the meantime, maybe you can brighten their day. You never no how long your support really goes.

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WSC Quick Hits

- Blood Drive - Feb. 18
at 1-7

- Feb. 17 is a Monday
Schedule

- Old Apt. and
New Apt. hall will
offer co-ed options.
These co-ed apts.
will not be co-ed by
room

- Davis will be all
freshman by Fall '09

- Courtney will have a
quiet living section on
one of the wings of the
fourth floor

- Scanlon will have
half of it's bathrooms
refurnished over the
summer

- Housing lottery
numbers will be
distributed by spring
break

- Room deposits must
be in by March 2nd,
either \$200 by
cash or check.
Checks are to be
made out to
Westfield State College

- The D.C. had one
panine maker stolen and
the other one is being
fixed

- The Senate Banquet
tickets go on sale
Monday Feb. 23 at the
campus
center for \$37

J-term "welcome back" reception

Christina Razionale
Special Voice Contributor

A welcome back reception was held in the Scanlon Banquet Hall for over 140 returning students and faculty from the J-term trips and study abroad programs last week.

The J-term program was one of the several changes seen and felt on the Westfield campus since the fall semester. When President Dobbelle was on a panel of candidates for the presidency of Westfield State, he emphasized his wish that Westfield students would experience a world outside of the city and campus, and gain cultural experience and knowledge that would last a lifetime. Upon his being hired as president he implemented this idea with a great deal of passion which resulted in the opportunity for any student to participate in one

of the abroad trips.

Students and faculty traveled to seven different locations including: Belize, Ghana, Italy, London, Mexico, Morocco, and St. Maarten. At the banquet, each J-term country had a table set up for them with the flag of the country they traveled to, and posters with information about the trip. Said posters were signed by the students and meant as a gift for the faculty advisors that went on the trip. At each table the groups also displayed things such as pictures, poster boards with information about the country, currency, native instruments, music, and clothes.

The turn out was large as people from all over campus attended- faculty, staff, students, administrators, as well as parents. The night began with those in attendance walking around looking at each groups display while refreshments were provided.

Later on, speeches were given by President Evan Dobbelle, and Robert Hayes, vice president of academic affairs.

After the speeches there were group presentations. The students seemed excited when talking about the experiences they had, and there were many stories and pictures being shared. So many, in fact, that the program ran over-time. From three day canoe trips in Belize, to endless plays in London, to canopy bridge walks in Ghana, and "island time" in St. Maarten, the amazing experiences and knowledge gained was evident when the students spoke of their experiences. Students also expressed sincere thanks to President Dobbelle, Cynthia Siegler, and Lucia Sullivan for all their hard work in making this opportunity possible.

At the end of the program an announcement was made about an on-going competition called

the W.O.W Competition. This is a chance for students to submit a 1200 word moment or experience they had on their trip in order to win a \$1,000 scholarship to participate in a future Westfield State College undergraduate or graduate short-term course, or a WSC-sponsored semester abroad. More information about the competition can be obtained in the Office of International Affairs and submissions can be sent to OIP@wsc.ma.edu.

If you want to gain a similar experience and are interested in a J-term course, keep your eyes and ears open for information on upcoming spring 2009 and January 2010 courses.



Westfield State College Speaker Series Presents:



FRED SHAPIRO

**White Collar Crime
Jeopardy
Tuesday, February
17, 2009
Scanlon Banquet
Hall
7:00 pm**

"Fred's informative and interactive presentation of 'White Collar Crime Jeopardy' at the FBI Financial Institution Fraud Conference showed how easy it really is for a respected and seemingly 'good' person to become involved in illegal activities when they lose sight of their moral compass. Yet it also tells the remarkable story of how that same person can turn it all around, and live to tell about it. After hearing these types of presentations for over 20 years, I can tell you that Fred's presentation leaves attendees with a vast amount of understanding regarding fraud prevention. Shapiro's presentation is one of the best that I have seen, and I would recommend him to any organization which deals with matters of ethics, fraud prevention or white collar crime." - Brian Cosgriff, Special Agent, FBI
Fred Shapiro utilizes his 30 years of experience as an attorney,

inmate, and undercover operative to powerfully convey the catastrophic personal and professional consequences of committing a white collar crime. He started his career as a tax accountant for Coopers & Lybrand, CPA's, and would eventually form his own law firm two years later.

Fred earned his MBA and JD at Temple University in Philadelphia and served as Director of the Temple University Accounting and Tax Institute. He has lectured on the subjects of accounting, real estate and taxation, while a member of the faculty of Temple University's School of Business Administration. Fred Shapiro is also a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society. All those credentials, however, did not stop Fred Shapiro from succumbing to extreme financial pressure, gam-

bling, in addition to other "demons" and leading a secret life as a criminal. Inevitably, this once well-respected member of the legal, financial, accounting and business communities, committed the largest mortgage, real estate and title insurance fraud in the history of the City of Philadelphia. After spending over twenty-four months in Federal prison, Fred Shapiro finally changed his life by doing what he loves: teaching everyone how to stay off that slippery slope, and stop fraud before it happens.

Today Fred is a Sr. Counselor at a correctional, educational and treatment organization and a keynote speaker and guest lecturer at various forums including law schools, business schools, accounting firms, law firms, title insurance companies, fortune 500 corporations and professional societies.

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Submissions may be dropped off at The Voice office in Ely Campus Center, room C-248, no later than 6 p.m. on the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Dale Continued...

Another conclusion they came to was that being white was a privilege. Katrina Browne is a third generation Princeton graduate and seven other relatives had gone to an Ivy League school.

"What is needed is massive investment to even the playing field," Browne said.

After the documentary ended, a group discussion was

led by Browne.

Browne told the audience to first talk amongst themselves at first and tell their neighbors what they thought of the documentary.

Gary and Emma Hayward, a couple who recently moved to Westfield from the south, said they were glad to see the film.

Emma Hayward said that over the years the south was used as a scapegoat for slavery, but with films like this it would help to rectify that.

The group then discussed reparations. Browne answered a question about how reparations could work and she cited a memory she had at a similar function.

Brown said that one time, a woman directly asked an African-American in the room, "What would reparations be to you?" An African-American woman thanked her for asking that question, and then said she could consider functions like this to help mend the scars.



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Off-campus buzz (kill)

For years, there has been a student run company at Westfield State that buses people from the school to the clubs in downtown Springfield. It's a great idea, and it enormously cuts down on the amount of drunk driving. Previously, it had been run smoothly by Joe Van Wari, who graduated last year. Now, several boys from Mechanic Street in Westfield run the company.

Normally, the bus trips are fun and are run with few problems. In fact, the bus ride to the club is usually one of the highlights of the night. Unfortunately, there is a first time for everything. On Saturday, Jan. 31, on a trip to Skypex, a local club, it seemed for some there were more problems than good times.

Two dozen women and a half a dozen men lounged just inside the front doors of Bates Hall. The time was 11 p.m., and the bus was one hour late. We had gotten several updates promising that the bus was due in 15 minutes... 15 minutes... 15 minutes.

The fact that it was that late should have made us realize that this night was just not going to go well, but nevertheless, we erupted in cheers when the big yellow monster turned the corner. Naturally, there was a stampede. Heels clicked against the icy pavement as hordes of girls rushed the door. It was three or four to a seat, squishing, sitting on laps, and raring to go. The announcement of another bus deflated the excitement for a second or two, and then it was chaos again. I made it off the first bus and onto the second one unharmed.

An announcement was

made informing us that when the clock strikes quarter of two, we were to expect the bus to return to the same place that it dropped us off. Fifteen minutes later, we were thrust into the cold. At a harrowing twenty-seven degrees, we stood in line, most of the girls in little to no clothing, myself included, hoping we'd get in free. It pays to wear a dress.

And so we danced. The girls got low, and the boys, well, we all know they have it easy. Though the music was intoxicating, at 1:45 a.m., rather than turn into pumpkins, we ushered ourselves out the door, click-clacking to the designated meeting spot. It didn't take us long to realize that the bus wasn't where it was supposed to be. We waited. Huddling together, trying as best we could to avoid the wind, we waited. Shivering, in our short dresses, we waited.

Twenty minutes ticked by, wearing our patience thin. By this time, the group of Westfield students that had been gathered in the meeting spot had begun to split up. Some went back to the club, some went to a different part of the parking lot, and some went across the street, to gather around an outdoor space heater. And then, disaster struck.

"THE BUS!" A male voice rose above the chattering of teeth. Several people swung their heads in all directions, in awe as the bus emerged from a different side of the club... and turned... in the opposite direction of all of us. Like lightning, two boys took off, racing against time to try and catch the vehicle, followed by several girls who were having difficulty running in three-inch heels. The boys succeeded, flagging down the bus at a red light, hoping on board, and

telling the driver to wait, that there was more coming. He didn't wait. In horror we watched the bus doors shut, practically catch one of the boys' sleeves, and pull away.

Panic set in. It was 2:30 in the morning, freezing, and not one of us had a cell phone. After wandering the streets for a few moments, avoiding the cats and some unmentionable comments from Springfield's inhabitants, we made our way back to the club.

After much persuading, we were let back into the club, against the bouncers' better judgment. An officer offered us his cell phone, and we managed to get a hold of a friend, who had also been called by the two boys on the bus. We were assured that the bus was on the way, but that he had to pick up the two boys first, who had managed to get off of the bus, somewhere in downtown Springfield. Seven of us fit in that car. During the wait for our rescuer, we ran into several other Westfield students who were stranded. Some of them had friends coming and some of them had called cabs.

The big underlying question here is: where was the bus? According to Leerceni Brothers Bus Company, from whom students rent the busses, the bus wasn't allowed to park where we were told it was going to be. Apparently the bus driver circled the club several times, but failed to pick up the large number of students that were left behind.

It took a few days, but now we can actually look at the night as comical. After all, we all made it home one way or another, right?

- Debrah Silverman

EDITOR'S DESK



So the latest word on the musical street is that Blink 182 is back together. This is very exciting to a lot of people, including me. But I don't know if you guys understand the magnitude of excitement (along with a million other emotions) this brings me.

When I was in middle school I discovered Blink 182. I listened to their single at the time ("What's my age again?"), then their album, and soon devoured their entire discography.

Say what you want about Blink, but they're the hand responsible for kicking open a door of musical knowledge that led me to the whole alternative music scene. I attribute this alternative scene to one of the only reasons I didn't drop out of middle school and high school.

My love of Blink soon turned into an obsession. It was like a romantic relationship, and I was the possessive girlfriend. Nobody was as loyal or loved Blink as much as I did. Don't believe me? Check out my left shoulder-- I have the tat to prove it. I know, I know.

When I found out that Blink broke up, it was through some online gossip site, not even the band website itself. They never even issued an official statement until months after the split. They left me heart-broken, confused, and alone. Eventually time healed my wound, or did it?

After news of Blink reuniting I checked their website. It was all new, with promise of a tour and new album, along with a Facebook and Myspace account (among other things). I immediately felt my Blink scar being ripped back open. The feelings, the thoughts, the devotion. Can I really put myself through that again?

I CAN'T GET MY HEART BROKEN AGAIN. BLINK! I CAN'T DO IT!

Uhh... anyway...

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EDITOR'S DESK



I'm once again filling in on an Editor's Desk, but this time it's for Colby rather than Angela. So, here we go...

As many people know, I'm a huge UNC men's basketball fan. As I'm writing this, the Tar Heels have just finished beating their rival, Duke, 101-87. I'd be lying if I didn't say beating Duke was pretty much the most satisfying feeling a UNC fan could experience. To see the look on Coach K's face as he watches his team lose on their home court is pretty much priceless. And what an amazing win for players like Tyler Hansbrough and Danny Green who are the first UNC players to be 4-0 at Cameron Stadium. I would just like to take this time to gloat and say to all the Duke fans who felt that they would somehow win this game, HAHA YOU LOSE, WE WIN!

Now that I'm done acting like a seven-year-old, I would also like to point out the wonderful warm(er) weather we've been having, which I'm sure will end soon because we do live in New England. It's just a reminder that spring is right around the corner and hopefully we'll only have to deal with this dreary winter weather a few more weeks. I mean, Spring Break is only a month away from Friday!

And I'd also like to remind everyone that Valentine's Day (also referred to as "Singles Awareness Day" by some) is coming up this Saturday so don't forget to buy your sweetie some chocolates or yourself of course. Who said Valentine's Day isn't about reminding yourself how fantastic and wonderful you are?

Well, that about covers my thoughts as of right now. Until the next time I fill in for an Editor's Desk...

Cait Penndorf
Op-Ed Editor

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The Freshmen Experience

By Mary Cafferty



So we're a few weeks into the second semester.

Last semester at this time, I was experiencing a culture shock of sorts. I come from a small school, had a close core group of friends. So plunging into the college life was difficult for me. I didn't really know anybody, didn't really know what to do with myself or how to move forward.

But this semester is a lot different for me. What seemed at first like an impossibly big group of people to get to know now seems to have shrunk significantly. Walking into a classroom

those first few days wasn't daunting; I was surprised to see that in almost all of my classes, there was somebody I already knew. Familiar faces are everywhere.

I see people in the DC I know, see people I know passing by on the way to class. It's funny how that happens; when I started last semester, I was afraid I was going to have trouble meeting people, making friends. But people have the potential to surprise you when you give them a chance, and like I discovered, you also have the potential to surprise yourself.

And as for the workload, it's pretty much the same, but I've found ways to manage my time better. I've stopped procrastinating (or at least that's what I tell myself). I know what to expect, know when I need to sit down and really get things done.

So as we slip into spring and the air gets warmer, being on campus feels more comfortable than it ever has. First semester taught me a lot inside the classroom, but it also forced me to get to know myself.

And isn't that what college is all about?



Just Sex

with Lauren Mattos

So I am saddened to say that this will be my last article for awhile.

Unfortunately my workload this academic year is just too much for me to keep up with the article. I want to sincerely thank everyone who has contributed. Your thoughtful and a lot of the times hilarious input on the various topics of the week made me smile time and again. I loved how many of you were willing to open up and share your experiences and thoughts on a subject that can be rather uncomfortable for many people.

It was so nice to hear from random people on campus who would complement my article, and for those of you that did I truly appreciate it. I was a bit apprehensive about taking this on, but I don't regret it for a moment. I didn't get many haters, but the ones I did get barely phased me because of all the support from you guys and girls.

I especially want to thank Colby, Jeff, Angela and the rest of the editorial staff for always having my back, especially when a few of the haters came out of the woodwork. I definitely want to thank Molly

Coyle, for encouraging me to write "Just Sex." Like I said, I will be writing every now and then and I will keep up wscjustsex@gmail.com if anything crosses your minds that you want to hear about in the near future.

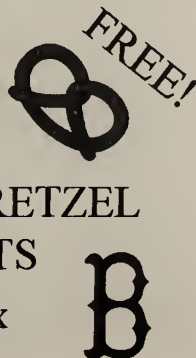
Again, I am leaving for academic reasons. God did not swoop down and show me the error of my ways; he's much too busy returning the shout-outs from Grammy-winning musicians. Once again, a sincere thanks to all of you. Be safe, take care of each other, and have an orgasmic Valentine's Day.

UPCOMING COMMUTER COUNCIL EVENTS

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YOUR OWN PRETZEL
BOUQUETS

KEEP WATCH FOR RED SOX
TICKET SALE



The Conservative View

By Sean Klay



Americans in general have one really bad habit, the inability to think in terms of 10, 20 or 50 years down the road, in order to consider the second and third order effects of actions that we take today. This so-called Economic Stimulus Bill currently before Congress is a prime example of this bad habit. The goal of this bill is to stimulate the economy, revive American industry, and help our nation out of the economic doldrums that we currently find ourselves in.

Yet the bill according to the Congressional Budget Office does nothing of the sort, and admitted two weeks ago that 12 cents of every dollar of this package (this was the House version of the bill, not the revised Senate one), would actually have any sort of stimulative effect on the economy. Furthermore, most of this money (which is being borrowed) is not going to get even into the economy until at least 2010-2011 time frame. Where is the stimu-

tive effect of this?

This bill, in either form, will do the exact opposite of what we are being told it supposed to do. On top of it all, it will be our generation, and our children's and grandchildren's generations that will shoulder the burden of paying off this debt. We, as individuals, and as a nation are already saddled with debt, what good does it do any of us to take on more of the same?

It was the Democrats (and rightfully so) that were screaming at the Republicans for their uncontrolled spending during the Bush Administration, but with just one bill, the Democrats will out-do all of the spending and debt accumulation that the Republican controlled Congress was able to do between 2001 and 2006. This is not responsible government, it's hypocrisy. Of course, we the people are expected to accept this

because of a national economic crisis. Our elected officials expect us to be blind lemmings, and trust the national government to do the right thing for all of us. So far this whole economic stimulus has had more bipartisan opposition, then support and the more Americans learn about this bill, the more Americans are opposing it, the fact that this bill contains so many pet projects and programs in one of the reasons for the increasing opposition to it.

On Monday, the President who campaigned in Indiana, and then gave a prime time news conference to gain support for the measure, stated that this bill didn't have any 'pork' in it. But as the AP reports, after conducting a fact check on his statements, that the bill is loaded with money for pet projects specifically tailored to benefit interests and have been disguised as links to local

projects – the prime characteristics of Pork. At best this makes the President a hypocrite and at worst an outright liar.

What is making this economy bad is the uncertainty of what the Government intends to do. This is holding back any of the investment that private individuals and corporations normally do on a daily basis. As long as the government drags this out, by over-hyping an emergency that doesn't exist yet, we will continue in these economic doldrums. As Lee Iacocca once said, 'either lead, follow, or get out of the way'. Right now the government isn't leading or following, so it better get out of the way, and let the people of this country, the millions of business owners who make this country work, and make jobs, do what they do best everyday.

The Angry Liberal

By Molly Coyle

Let me get something clear right off the bat: it is true that I am in favor of a stimulus bill. I have not read the exact one that was written out by President Obama and his team (and I doubt my cohort has either) but I do know the basic contents of it and I do not agree with everything that was initially proposed in it. That being said, the way I see it is this: it's the government that got us into this economic mess in the first place and it should be the government's responsibility to get us out. Plain and simple.

My conservative counterpart and I can agree on one thing right off the bat: we are a very short-sighted nation, and it is that short-sightedness that got our economy to where it is now. The deregulation of the banks, the lack of oversight, and sub-prime mortgages are a huge reason why we are in the mess we are today. It is the government that deregulated these banks and essentially allowed them to gamble with money that they didn't have. They then received a bailout

that was passed by our ever-brilliant former President George Bush, and that didn't have any oversights written into it either. This bill did help to free up the credit market somewhat but it probably would have helped a lot more if those CEOs hadn't taken their gargantuan bonuses for the year.

Anyway, I digress. A common argument that I keep hearing coming from the right is that "spending that money is going to have the opposite effect." I'm not an expert on the economy but I think I understand the basic principles of a free market, and from what I understand, any money that you put into the economy will help get money moving again, unless all this money is simply printed out, in which case, this could cause inflation which really isn't a much better situation than a depression. I don't know where this money is supposed to come from that President Obama wants to spend but if he's planning on simply printing some more up, then I do think that could potentially be devastating.

Another common argument I hear is that this money that will cause us to go more into debt will impact future generations. This statement is true, but not a valid concern because even if the government does absolutely nothing, that will impact future generations too. Since when do we even bring future generations into our thought processes? I seriously doubt anyone was thinking about future generations when we went to war with Iraq and considered the sheer amount of debt that would accumulate for future generations. Republicans wanted that war so badly and didn't even consider that. It just seems like a convenient excuse to use it now.

From what I understand of President Obama's plan, he is going to provide tax cuts to workers, senior citizens, and both of their families. How is that a bad thing? Putting money back in the people's pockets and helping them to save money in these terrible times. This by itself though probably wouldn't do much good (see Bush's



stimulus checks—free money for all) so Obama also needs to pay attention to creating jobs and fixing infrastructure that has been so severely neglected due to this wonderful war that seems to be sucking money right out of our country like a vacuum.

The bottom line is that times are hard. The unemployment rate went up .4% in January alone to 7.6%, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. This number however, is only the national average. Michigan is up to 9.6%, meaning about one in ten people is unemployed. How about an even smaller scale? El Centro, Calif. has the highest unemployment

rate in the entire country with 22.6%, according to CNN.com. That is outrageous. The government is put in place to help us in times of crisis, even if crisis does not mean war. If no action were to be taken, it's true that things wouldn't be as bad as in the '30s (thank FDR for FDI) but they would definitely be comparable. If Obama sat around and let the free market "work itself out," he would have fingers pointed at him for that too. We're damned if we do and damned if we don't. At least by putting a stimulus package together that could potentially help us somewhat, he's being proactive.

Taking advantage of the sun's energy sources

Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

Have you ever looked up into the sky and found yourself blinded by the sun? Just a glance is all it takes – stare at it directly and damn, it hurts. It's amazing that something so far away can be so powerful. Watching how it washes everything in light and heat, I sometimes think about all the energy it is unleashing and how we use almost none of it (beyond keeping warm during these frigid winter days). Sure the sun is important for keeping the earth at that "just perfect" temperature and helps grow those delicious fruits and vegetables we love; in regards to heating our homes, powering our vehicles, and providing energy for society as a whole, its purpose seems much more minimal than it should be.

The earth receives 174 petawatts (PW) of solar radiation (known as insolation) in the upper atmosphere. Around 30% of this is reflected back into space, like UV rays and all that harmful stuff. The rest of it is absorbed by the land, clouds, and water – a total of 3,850,000 exajoules (EJ) every year. That is a massive amount of energy being injected into the planet. This solar energy can be converted into thermal (heat) energy,

which is traditionally used two ways: to heat water and to heat spaces. A British astronomer named John Herschel first generated thermal energy in the 1830s. He used a solar thermal collector box to cook food while he was on an expedition in Africa. It's nearly two hundred years later and no one uses the sun to cook their food (no one I know personally anyway). What happened to progress?

Perhaps the progressive route is conducting electricity with solar energy. This is achieved using photovoltaic (PV) devices, which are basically "solar cells," that change sunlight directly into electricity (example: calculators). Most of the major systems currently operating are located in remote areas far from the electric grid, so they don't offer much beyond their primary functions.

Solar power plants are used as electricity generators also. Rather than directly converting solar energy into electricity, they convert indirectly by heating a fluid, which produces steam that then powers several generators. As of 2006, there were fifteen solar power plants in the United States; five in Arizona and ten in California. These fifteen all produce over one megawatt of electricity and it is likely that there are others

spread across the country that are too small to warrant any statistics.

This is all great, but there are two major problems with solar energy. The first is the weather. Unfortunately (or fortunately depending on how you look at it), the sun is not always directly sending solar radiation towards the earth. Clouds, fog, and the day/night cycle interfere with the collection and conversion of insolation into thermal energy and electricity. This weather issue is the most significant reason why solar energy is not as favorable a concept as wind or water energy. Unlike the latter, we cannot harness solar energy 24/7, 365 days a year. The other problem, as I hinted at above, is that we don't use solar power nearly as much as we could (in the U.S. at least), which could be a direct result of the weather problem.

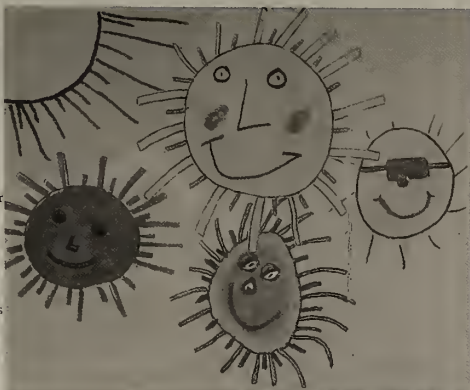


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Despite either issue, I'm sure that we could find a way to maximize the efficiency of solar energy. There must be locations on the planet that receive sunlight more days of the year than they don't and we should have solar power plants or PV devices constructed in those areas – preferably connected to electric grids. Even if we could power portions of towns or cities during the day and switch back to "normal" electric power

at night, it would be something. With a little teamwork between the leading experts, a bit of ingenuity, and the right funds of course, I believe that solar energy could do its part. There is a massive source of energy sitting out there, just above the horizon; it cost nothing and its resources are endless. Let's take advantage of it.

Adventures from Abroad by Robert Louis McGinnity

Aloha kakou (Hello everyone)! This weekend I flew to the Pro Bowl in Honolulu. I embarked on my journey with three fellow Westfield State students: Jason Waitkevich, Kyle Boyd, and Ryan Hajjar. Jason and I got into Honolulu at around 3 p.m.

We traveled around Waikiki which included walking the beach, observing intense outdoor racquetball, going to the Hilton Village Hotel, as well as walking the streets in an attempt to find a place to sleep for the night. While at the Hilton, we saw a couple of Pro Bowl players by the pool signing autographs but we just missed them.

Our search for a hotel was unsuccessful for the better part of the night, but we ended up at a place called the Aqua Marina for \$45 each. They had a hot tub outside and two beds in our room so Jason and I were happy.

The next day consisted of Pro Bowl activities down at Kapali'olani Park. There were a ton of booths, blow up passing games, 40-yard dash challenges, and even a youth football camp. A Patriot player Jabar Gaffney helped out with the camp. A guy with a microphone came around

and asked the crowd who their favorite teams were and all of us yelled "the Patriots!" and Gaffney acknowledged us from the field.

Jason and I met up with Ryan and Kyle and after all the fun at the park, we sat down and watched Hawaiian kids dancing like contestants on "America's Next Dance Crew," with a special appearance from Pat, the Patriot's mascot. We went in search of another hotel to stay at, something closer to Waikiki, because there was going to be a block party there that night. We found a place that was really nice. It must have been the mixture of sunshine and sleep deprivation, which is always deadly, that led me to fall asleep on the balcony. I awoke to the touch of someone asking, "Dude, are you alright?" They thought I was dead on the balcony.

The evening was a lot of fun, including the closing of Waikiki's main street for the block party. There were five stages, four of which had live bands playing music ranging from Hawaiian to oldies. The fifth stage was a live sports radio show which featured Pro Bowlers Jay Ratliff, Ronnie Brown, the mayor of Oahu, and



Devon Bess. Bess attended the University of Hawaii and is now a wide receiver for the Miami Dolphins.

Sunday was the big day. We woke up early to tailgate. We took a sketchy unmarked van to the stadium by a taxi driver that charged us six dollars

apiece. Rather than wait for the bus, which was unreliable up to that point, we took the offer this guy presented to us along with a nice older couple from Canada. We got to the stadium and it was amazing. There were fans representing every team you can imagine. We ended up meeting a guy with a Patriots jersey named Chuck. He was the key to our great tailgating experience. He was with this group of people that were Cleveland

fans and they welcomed us to their tailgate party which included tons of food.

The game itself was truly phenomenal. It started with David Archuleta, runner up on American Idol, singing the National Anthem. The halftime show featured Enrique Iglesias and Ciara singing, while about six hundred Hawaiian ladies danced around the field. We had seats in the south end-zone, twenty three rows from the field but ended up sitting third row.

The game was back and forth the whole way through until the NFC pulled away with the victory 30-21, with Larry Fitzgerald winning the MVP. It was a great weekend and it worked out great that the year I'm in Hawaii is the last year they are having the Pro Bowl in Hawaii. I miss you guys in Westfield but, I'm having a blast in Hawaii.

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Blink 182 back together-- new album, summer tour?

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Andrew Johnson
Voice Reporter

Fans have been wondering when and if they would ever see the day when the potty-mouthed, pop-punk legends Blink 182 would get back together. It would appear that day has finally come as Travis Barker, Mark Hoppus, and Tom Delonge reunited as

preseoters for Sunday's Grammy Awards announcing, "Blink 182 is back!"

There has not been such a successful and influential punk band to come out of the 1990s quite like Blink 182. A group with a one-of-a-kind sound, with hints of The Descendents and Screaming Weasel, and songs you don't have to think too deeply about but rather just listen and have fun. Their songs are delivered

with sardonic lyrics and immature subject matter, typically about girls and being a teenager, and always based around a simple chord structure with a catchy melody. How can you not be amused by a songs about drunkenness, and masturbation, or finding out your mom is a transvestite?

Over the course of their career they have evolved tremendously while delivering the same message, turning out five amazing studio albums and one live album. The band has been on a bitter hiatus since 2005 as result of the growing tensions between guitarist Tom Delonge and the band, which resulted in the split. Delonge went on to form Angels and Airwaves, and Hoppus and Barker to start 444.

Tom Delonge is viewed as being the main reason of why the band split. He had cited being sick of touring and also having creative differences, looking to start a new musical project, e.g. Angels and Airwaves. He seemed to be drifting away from Blink and friend/band mate Mark Hoppus even earlier, back in 2002 when he started the side project Box Car Racer that included Travis Barker on drums, with record ideas he felt were not "Blink-friendly".

Delonge's departure is still shrouded in mystery but what is known is that after their last planned tour was canceled in 2005, Blink's manager called the other two members to tell them that Delonge had quit the band.

Delonge did not even tell his own friends/band mates

directly that he was leaving the group. This began an almost four year hiatus, in which Tom supposedly kept out of contact with the other members during the entire time to just focus on his new band. He was quoted saying, "Blink-182 was dead" and "...people ask me if I'm ever going back to Blink, there's just no possible way".

Since this time, a Greatest Hits compilation (essentially a collection of the band's singles) was released. Angels & Airwaves released two albums, while 444 also released their first album. Both groups turned out to be widely receptive.

The Blink 182 members apparently got together earlier this year and buried the hatchet after the incident in which Barker was nearly killed in a plane crash that left four people dead.

On Sunday night, to everyone's surprise, the trio reunited for their first public appearance in years to say that they are back. On Blink's homepage they have issued a statement saying they are "really back" and that that they were "picking up where we left off and then some...[we're] in the studio writing and recording a new album."

They announced preparations for a world tour, and a somewhat cryptic note that hinted that past animosities were exactly that--past. They asked for fans to "get ready" for "Summer 2009."

No word yet on exact tour dates, or any album information aside from intended plans.

Top 10 Billboard Singles

1. Kelly Clarkson - My Life Would Suck Without You
2. Beyonce - Single Ladies (Put a Ring On It)
3. Kanye West - Heartless
4. Lady GaGa Featuring Colby O'Donisi - Just Dance
5. Taylor Swift - Love Story
6. The All-American Rejects - Gives You Hell
7. The Fray - You Found Me
8. T.I. Featuring Rihanna - Live Your Life
9. Briney Spears - Circus
10. Jason Mraz - I'm Yours

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Movie review: Repo! The Genetic Opera

Lynn Moynahan
Voice Copyeditor

Do you like rock operas? Do you wish regular operas were in English and weren't so boring? I have your solution: Repo! The Genetic Opera.

Repo! is a cross between Bladerunner and Rocky Horror and features quite a few familiar faces including Alexa Vega (Spy Kids), Paul Sorvino (Goodfellas, Romeo + Juliet), Anthony Head (Buffy the Vampire Slayer), Sarah Brightman (Phantom of the Opera), Ogre (Skinny Puppy), and Paris Hilton (House of Wax, The Simple Life, and One Night in Paris). I wasn't too keen on seeing this at first, mainly because it has Paris in it, but she does an incredible job as her role of Roti Largo's spoiled, zydrite, and surgery-addicted daughter. Repo! was written by Terrance Zdunich and Darren Smith and directed by Darren Lynn Bousman. Zdunich plays Graverobber, serving the same purpose a chorus would have in a Greek play—introducing the



story, giving information throughout and concluding the movie.

Repo! is set in the year 2056. Years earlier, people's organs started failing and something needed to be done. Roti Largo (Sorvino) founded GeneCo, a company that makes organs for those that need them. GeneCo offers organ financing for those that can't pay in full.

There's a catch: if you're 90 days late with a payment, your GeneCo organ gets repossessed by a repo man. Yes, repossessed. The repo man will find you and "rip your still-beating heart from your chest" (or whatever organ you got).

Shilo Wallace is the daughter of Nathan (Head) and Marni Wallace. Marni got sick during her pregnancy and died.

Afraid of losing his daughter too, Nathan keeps Shilo (Vega) in her room for fear of something happening to her and keeps his life as a repo man a secret from her.

The songs in Repo! aren't totally opera. Each character sings, but not really in an operatic voice. Sara Brightman and Paul Sorvino are the only two that actually sing opera since they're actually trained. Nearly every song in this movie is catchy and once you know the lyrics, you'll never get them out of your head. Really, I've seen this movie 15 times and every day since I first saw it, I've got one stuck in my head. The current line in my head is, "Keen incisions, I deliver! Unseathed organs, I deliver! Repossessions, I deliver! I'm the Repo, Legal Assassin!"

Lionsgate picked up Repo! for production, but not much was thought of it. A mere \$8.5 million was put into the film. Once it was released, it was shown in only four American theaters and four Canadian theaters. Lionsgate considers Repo! to be a failure and now it's up to its fans to get the hype up about

it. The film really depends on word-of-mouth from its fans as promotion, and that's what I'm doing. If you don't want to buy the DVD just yet, rent it for a few bucks and buy it if you like it. I've got a load more info on Repo! but not a load of space for this review. If you want to know more, come see me!

This Friday night at midnight (Friday into Saturday) at the Tower theaters in South Hadley there will be a showing of Repo! It's \$6.75 with a college ID and \$8 without. Be prepared to see people in costume (including my roommate Jessi as Graverobber), singing and yelling shout-outs ("But you left Buffy die twice!"). I'm urging everyone to watch it and give it a try. If you get a few people to rent and watch it with you, you can spend less money and see a great movie that is a cult classic.

On a completely different note, I'd like to congratulate the hockey team on their awesome shut-out on Sunday. WNEC played quite dirty, especially #2. He's an English Lit major and I can see why he'd be aggressive. I get that way, too.

Time Machine: This Week in Music History



Led Zeppelin - Led Zeppelin (January, 1969)

In 1968, The Yardbirds disbanded. With concert dates still a contractual obligation, sole remaining member Jimmy Page recruited vocalist Robert Plant, bassist John Paul Jones, and drummer John Bonham for a small tour of Scandinavia under the name "The New Yardbirds." These performances planted the seeds for what would become one of the most influential bands in the world. In January of 1969, the former New Yardbirds, then dubbed "Led Zeppelin," released their eponymous debut album. The album was initially met with negative reviews. Rolling Stone magazine more or less said that the album offered nothing that The Jeff Beck Group's debut album, Truth, had not already done, three months prior. Coincidentally, both Page and

Jones were guests on a track on that album (Beck's Bolero, also with Who drummer Keith Moon). Rolling Stone also stated that Robert Plant was "as poppish as Rod Stewart, but nowhere near as exciting."

Little did they know, this heavy blues & rock and roll hybrid would become incredibly influential. In 2003, Rolling Stone changed their tune, listing Led Zeppelin as the 29th Greatest Album of All Time. The album was a then-modernized take on classic blues—original songs with classic influence—and two new takes on Willie Dixon tracks. With thundering drums and blazing guitar leads, Led Zeppelin powered their way into the history books, even if critics and skeptics did not see it at the time.

Where are they now?

Led Zeppelin reunited for a one-off show in December 2007 with Jason Bonham, son of the late John Bonham, on drums. Despite the draw of being arguably the most lucrative reunion tour in music history, Robert Plant has not shown any interest in a reunion tour. He recently won five Grammy

by Franny Zupancic

awards with bluegrass-country singer Alison Krauss. In June of 2008, Page and Jones played two songs with the Foo Fighters during their Wembley Stadium show.

Skid Row - Skid Row (January, 1989)

In a complete era of heavy metal—the "hair metal era" of the 1980's—Skid Row burst onto the scene. Formed in 1986, the band released their eponymous debut album in 1989 with newly-acquired lead singer Sebastian Bach. The album consisted of half gritty, balls-out rock anthems (Big Guns, Youth Gone Wild), and half lighter-waving power ballads (18 and Life, I Remember You). The guitar work of both Dave Sabo and Scotti Hill is perfect for each individual



song. The hard-rocking tracks have edgy riffs and tons of pinch harmonic squeals, while the ballads show a more soulful and emotional sound. Skid Row has sold over 10 million copies worldwide.

Where are they now? In 1996, Sebastian Bach was fired from Skid Row, but he has

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gone on to have a fairly successful solo career and has appeared on numerous reality shows, like VH1's "Supergroup" and CMT's "Gone Country." His most recent album, "Angel Down," has sold over 100,000 copies. Skid Row's most recent album, Revolutions Per Minute, has won three "Golden Turd" awards, for worst album, worst album artwork, and worst album title. Looks like they should have kept Bach.

EDITOR'S DESK



Hello, Westfield State College!

I recently became editor of the Arts & Entertainment section and am happy to have the opportunity to write an editor's desk so soon. While this may not be a recurring thing, what will be a weekly recurrence is a column I call "The Time Machine," for a lack of a more imaginative title.

The Time Machine column will be a retrospective look back into the past; a time capsule to suggest great albums from the past that may have gone overlooked, underappreciated, or just forgotten. In order to round out the complete year, this week's column covers January releases—Led Zeppelin and Skid Row's eponymous debuts—and the next column will most likely cover February releases from the past. Albums 'eligible' are those that are reaching their 'anniversaries' (10, 15, 20, 35, etc.). It is not meant to review the albums but to remind readers of their importance. After February is taken care of, I will probably do one album per week.

Here's a little information about me. I'm a Communications major who has yet to choose a concentration; class of 2010. I'm a music, movie, and wrestling buff and can talk your ears off for hours about any of the three. I work at Dunkin Donuts in New Hall on weekends, so if you have a compliment, comment, or complaint about any of my articles, feel free to come and chat.

I'm happy to be a part of The Voice and look to contribute and help out as much as possible.

Franny Zupancic
A & E Editor

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Revolutionary Road review

Matt Gosciminski
Movie Critic

This past weekend I made a trip up to Northampton's quaint little theater on Pleasant Street to see "Revolutionary Road". Originally a novel by Richard Yates, the movie is brought to the big screen by Sam Mendez (previously directed "American Beauty") and reunites Leonardo DiCaprio and Kate Winslet as Frank and April Wheeler, the seemingly perfect suburban couple.

The movie is set in the 1950's and focuses on the Wheelers' turbulent marriage that is brought on by the realization that they are not as unique as they might have once believed. As April stares down the street and sees the neat little houses arrayed in patterned symmetry she realizes that they have "bought into the same, ridiculous delusion" that all their neighbors seem to subscribe to. Her dreams of being an actress grow increasingly transient and Frank's days run together as he forces his way through a job he hates from week to week.

The opening scene in the movie gives us a neat little fairy tale recap of how the Wheelers came to be, this is contrasted with a leap forward in time showing them as the suburban stereotypes their former whimsical selves have come to be. April's acting aspirations have been dashed against the wall as we see the post reaction to a local play she appeared in. The following car ride home sets the stage for the rest of the movie, as we see April conceal her cold disgust for what they have become, Frank's inability to understand his wife, and the resulting burning turbulence that is rife within their marriage.

What I like about this movie is that it does a beautiful job of conveying a dark twist on a widely accepted ideal. Everybody wants to think they are something special, that their



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life will mean something in the overall way of things. However this movie shows the stark reality; that in all probability you won't stand out. That in the end you won't affect the world, the waves you sought to make will end up as ripples in a pond. This is the overall theme of the movie and this depressing theme goes hand in hand with its depressing mood. This movie is most certainly a downer; you don't leave the theater feeling good about life. This might turn some people off, but aside from it being depressing it's a wonderful achievement in both the acting and cinematography department.

Both DiCaprio and Winslet give amazing performances their second time around on screen together. They have obvious chemistry that plays off each other, enhancing each others' ability. April's character is just so cold throughout the movie, so disgustingly depressed and Winslet's ability conveys this beautifully. DiCaprio was also very good, however I feel as though Winslet outshined him slightly. Her character had more depth and her plight formed the emotional backbone of the film.

Michael Shannon also did a great job in this movie. He played a neighbor's psychologically unsound son, John Givings, and he stole the scene in my opinion. His character played the part of "truth" in this movie. He saw through and hated the prescribed life so many took part in. His character served to unsettle

and jar the people around him by jamming the merciless truth unmistakably in front of their eyes.

The only thing I can say I can possibly gripe about this movie is that it may be too much of a downer. Anything good that happens only serves to elevate your mood just enough to smash it down harder later. Though it isn't fair to say that this detracts from the movie, it may detract from those looking for an enjoyable entertainment night at the movies.

All in all, if you're a fan of good movies, go see this movie. It may not uplift your spirits but it is one of those movies that have so much quality and ability that it's hard not to like it.

If I had to, say, give it a rating, I would probably say somewhere in the ballpark of 9/10 maybe 8.5 depending on my mood. Either way that's just my opinion, go see it for yourselves and come up with your own numerical system for quality of movies.

Agree? Disagree? Want to suggest a movie to be reviewed?

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NBA All-Star Weekend is here

Jeff Dale
Editor-At-Large

Before we get to the NBA All-Star Weekend let's talk trades. It's Feb. 13. Do you know where your GM is? Considering less than a week to the NBA's Feb. 19 trade deadline, let's have some old-fashion fun with ESPN's trade machine.

According to most reports, the two biggest players on the block are Amar'e Stoudemire and Shawn Marion. But considering Marion was bounced from the desert last year in the Shaquille O'Neal trade, it will be unlikely to see him go back.

Another idea floating around is a potential colossal trade that would include Marion, Stoudemire, Chris Bosh and Dirk Nowitzki in a four-team bonanza, but the odds of that happening are about as good as the Wizards making the playoffs.

One Stoudemire trade that doesn't have so many moving parts is a deal with the Nets - the power forward and Robin Lopez to Nets, Vince Carter and Yi Jianlian to Phoenix. This would be an ideal situation for both teams.

Since Shaq has landed in Phoenix, Stoudemire's attitude has soured, due to the team's inability to play up-tempo with

O'Neal. Put Stoudemire with Devin Harris, reunite the Lopez brothers, and all is right in the world. As for Phoenix, the trade is the perfect fit to please both Steve Nash and Shaq, who aren't getting any younger.

There have been rumors of a trade between the Suns and Trail Blazers, but the return is youth, and Phoenix doesn't need that. Plus, the Blazers are in the Suns' conference, which makes the deal even more doubtful. Over \$30 million is invested to Shaq and Nash over the next three seasons, so why would the Suns want to blow it up anyway?

By making a deal with New Jersey, the Suns get a proven player (albeit a somewhat lackladdish one in Carter). And playing alongside O'Neal and Nash could bring the return of Vince Carter. The Suns would get a young player in Yi that takes over for Stoudemire to give them a big man with an outside shot.

Who's hot?

LeBron James. Needless to say, this is like picking Michael Phelps in a swim meet, minus the bong hits. Let's put it this way: When your 52-point triple-double gets taken away because the statistic is so mind-boggled he just gives you an extra rebound, then you're having a good week (sounds like a Jeff Foxworthy joke).

Who's not?

Baron Davis' putrid season in La-La Land continues. It's not the departure of Elton Brand or the Clips terrible season, but it's more that Davis has not been healthy. After playing in all 82 games for Golden State last year, Davis already has missed 14 games this season. He's also only averaging 15.9 points and 7.8 assists per game, a far cry from the 21.8 points and 7.6 assists he averaged last year. In his last six games, Davis has reached 10 points only three times. Granted, he is still recovering from an injured tailbone, but Davis has been a shadow of his former self.

Injuries and absences

What goes around, comes around. After Andrew Bynum took out Gerald Wallace, Bynum was taken out -- by his own teammate, Kobe Bryant. The diagnosis is that it's a torn MCL, and Bynum will be out eight to 12 weeks, which is an optimistic estimate. The Lakers will be lucky to get Bynum back this season. Los Angeles was worried about the young center playing on a dislocated knee last year and held him back. Now, they expect him to come back after tearing his MCL? Doubtful.

Chris Paul went down with a slight tweak of his hamstring, but from all indications, he should be fine.



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Elton Brand will have shoulder surgery, effectively ending his season in Philly. The news isn't really all that bad for the 76ers, though. They play better when he's not on the floor.

Michael Redd is also out for the season with a knee injury, which does not bode well for the Bucks' chances at a playoff berth. They currently stand at 24-29, a game behind the eighth-seeded Nets.

Quote of the week

"Listen, I thought in the third and fourth quarter, the game got out of control. And I thought the officials allowed it to get out of control. . . . I just thought it was a chippy game in the second half, and it didn't need to be." —Celtics coach Doc Rivers, in the L.A. Times, on the Celtics' 110-109 overtime loss to the Lakers on Feb. 5. The NBA fined Rivers \$15,000 for verbal abuse of officials.

Game to watch

Well there is really only one game to watch this week and that is the NBA All-Star Game in Phoenix.

East Conference Starters:

Center: Dwight Howard
What can be said about the man who is basically the air-purifier to Shaq-Diesel? He compares well to Mr. O'Neal as well. Both huge athletic freaks. Both started with the Magic. Both have made a career of rebounding, blocking shots and throwing up bricks at the free-throw line. Are we sure their not related?

Power Forward: Kevin Garnett

The Big Ticket is back in the All-Star game again and he's been a few times. Twelve to be exact. Who knows if he even likes being? He's a defensive oriented superstar and it's an All-Star game. Who else sees a contradiction there?

Small Forward: LeBron James
52 points, 11 assists and 9 rebounds. Nuff said!

Shooting Guard: Dwayne Wade
This is like an All-Defensive team of this century. Leaders in

blocks, steals and D-Wade might be the best of them all. He is Miami's offense and he's third in the league in steals. What an all around player!

Point Guard: Allen Iverson

Knock A.I. all you want, he still is one of the best players of this generation. Despite his dislike all things practice. He has always brought it on game nights. And he's 6 foot nothing. Try playing ball with dudes a foot taller than you and get back to me.

Reserves:

Ray Allen- He deserves to be there, just look at his shooting percentage.

Day Granger- Only if Indy didn't pick him one spot ahead of the Celtics, and we would have had him instead of Gerald Green.

Paul Pierce- Who know if Granger fell to the C's if Pierce would even be here or if the KG trade would have happened? Nonetheless, The Truth will make his seventh All-Star game for the Green.

Mo Williams- If you could hit a three-pointer at a 40 percent clip and play with LeBron James you too would be in Phoenix Saturday.

Devin Harris- Licking his chocks if the Nets get Amar'e in a trade.

Rashard Lewis- He learned well from Ray Allen, didn't he?

Western Conference Starters:

Center: Yao Ming
People say Yao benefits from the Chinese vote too much. He does, there are a billion people over there, but he deserves to be in Phoenix. If the Rockets go anywhere it won't be because Yao. It will be because Yao.

A-Rod admits steroid use

Teresa Dollfuss
Sports Reporter

After repeatedly denying steroid use, Alex Rodriguez came clean on Monday about using steroids for three seasons with the Texas Rangers.

Rodriguez was named in a 2003 survey testing program that came out late last week, stating that he had tested positive for testosterone and Primobolan during his 2003 season with the Rangers. This just happened to be the same season that he won American League MVP.

In an interview with ESPN's Peter Gammons, Rodriguez admitted that he used steroids from 2001-2003. Rodriguez said in the interview that he began using so that he could prove to baseball fans that he was worthy of his 10-year, \$252 million contract.

Rodriguez also told Gammons that he saw

steroids as a way for him to live up to his hype, and to help out a struggling Rangers team.

When this survey was done, there was no official league punishment for steroid use. The league punishment came into effect in 2004.

Including Rodriguez, there were 104 names on that 2003 survey of people who tested positive for steroid use at that time. This survey was meant to be kept confidential, and only supposed to be used to determine if there needed to be a harsher policy set in Major League Baseball for those who abused steroids.

After hearing about all of this, I have a few questions. First of all, why did this survey come out now? The 2009 baseball season is about to begin in a few short weeks, meaning that this report came out 6 years after the fact.

Yes, it's nice to know, considering some peo-

ple regard Rodriguez as one of the best hitters in baseball. However, why wait so long to come out with this report?

Another question, how might this affect Rodriguez's upcoming season? The league could take action against him, but technically the new steroid policy didn't go into effect until a year after the positive test.

One final question, could this affect his chances of getting into the Hall of Fame? If he does in fact get close to breaking the home run title now held by Barry Bonds, will he have an asterisk next to his name indicating steroid use?

All I know is that this has made for an interesting end to the off season, and an interesting beginning to Spring Training. Let the games begin!

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Owls Clinch MASCAC Championship

NORTH ADAMS, Mass. — The Westfield State College women's basketball team clinched the Mass. State Conference (MASCAC) regular season championship with a 61-50 victory over MCLA on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

It was the 10th straight victory for the Owls, who are 19-3 overall and 10-0 in the MASCAC with two regular season games remaining. Fitchburg, which lost at Worcester State, 51-37, Tuesday, and Bridgewater are tied for second with 6-3 records.

It is the second outright MASCAC crown for Westfield State, who won the conference during head coach Andrea Bertini's freshman season in 1993. Westfield shared the regular season championship three other years.

Westfield earns a bye in the MASCAC's six-team postseason tournament. The Owls host the semifinals on Friday, Feb. 27, and the championship game Feb. 28.

Westfield led MCLA by as many as nine points, 19-10, with 9:01 left the first half, but the Blazers bounced back to take a 28-27 halftime lead with an 8-1 run in the final three minutes of the first half.

MCLA then scored the

first six points of the second half to take a 34-27 lead and cap a 14-1 scoring spree over a five-minute span of the two halves. Bertini called a timeout and the veteran Owls kept their composure and turned it up a notch, both offensive and defensively.

Westfield went on 13-5 run to take a 40-39 lead on a fastbreak layup by sophomore reserve Christal Bello. The Owls then took the lead for good, 42-40, on a bucket from the foul line extended by senior forward Andrea Wasuk. Westfield took a 48-42 lead with 4:00 remaining on a lay-in by Wasuk.

Katie Sylvain kept the lead at six, 54-38, with a driving layup at the 2:09 mark. The Owls then clamped down defensively, recording two steals and charge in the final minutes. Westfield's last seven points came from the foul line.

Wasuk scored a team-high 15 points with seven rebounds and Katie Sylvain had 14 points and seven boards. Defensively, the Owls limited the Blazers to 16 points in the final 18 minutes.

Westfield again received a lift from its bench, this time from guard Krista Corriveau, who scored eight points in 14 minutes.



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Jen Webner, a 6-1 freshman center from Cooperstown, N.Y., had game highs of 16 points and 11 rebounds. However, the talented

rookie was held scoreless in the game's finals 10:36. Laura Silverman had 10 points and 12 boards.

Owls Standings

Men's Basketball

MASCAC Conference

as of 2/11/09

Salem St.	17-5(7-2)
Bridgewater St.	16-5(8-1)
Westfield St.	14-8(7-3)
Worcester St.	12-11(5-5)
Framingham St.	13-10(5-5)
Fitchburg St.	7-13(1-8)
MCLA	1-21(0-9)

Upcoming games:

(home games in bold)

2/17 @ Framingham St.

2/21 Fitchburg

Women's Basketball

MASCAC Conference

as of 2/11/09

Westfield St.	19-3(10-0)
Bridgewater St.	13-8(6-3)
Fitchburg St.	13-9(6-3)
MCLA	13-9(3-6)
Framingham St.	8-14(2-8)
Salem St.	8-14(3-6)
Worcester St.	7-15(3-7)

Upcoming Games:

(home games in bold)

2/17 @ Framingham St.

2/21 Fitchburg St.

Men's Ice Hockey

MASCAC Conference

as of 2/11/09

Salem St.	11-7-2(3-0-1)
Westfield St.	11-5-4(2-1-1)
Fitchburg St.	9-8-5(1-0-3)
Worcester St.	5-11-3(0-2-2)
Fram St.	0-18-4(0-3-1)

Upcoming Games:

(home games in bold)

2/17 @ Wentworth

2/21 Southern N.H.

Westfield Tops MCLA, 83-74

NORTH ADAMS - Senior guard Dave Jaehnig (Quincy) had game highs of 24 points and eight rebounds to lead Westfield State to an 83-74 victory at MCLA on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

The Owls improved to 14-8 overall and 7-3 in the Mass. State Conference. They have a non-conference game Thursday at Curry College. MCLA is 1-20 and 0-9.

Westfield led 42-31 at halftime. Thirteen players got into the game for the Owls and 10 denied the scoring column. Asa Abbott scored 14 points and Brandon Mauer added 12, including a 3 for 3 effort from the beyond the arc.

Jaehnig was 8 for 10 from the field and also made 8 of 10 free throw attempts in 24 minutes of playing time.

Westfield shot 49 percent from the field, including a 7 for 15 effort from 3-point range. The Owls were 22 for 34 from the foul line.

MCLA shot 50 percent from the floor but only made 10 of 26 free throws. Jon Greenberg scored a team-high 22 points for the host team.



Shiverdecker Named Rookie Of Week

Westfield State College freshman A.J. Shiverdecker (Kettering, OH) was selected the Rookie of the Week in the 17-team ECAC Northeast hockey conference.

Shiverdecker recorded three goals and three assists in the Owls two games last week, both victories. He tallied two goals and two assists in a 7-0

route of WNEC, and had the game-winning goal in a 5-3 win over Worcester State.

Senior captain Jeff Chillson (Enfield, CT) was named to the weekly honor roll. Chillson had two goals and three assists in the two games, including two goals and two assists vs. Worcester State.



FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

Everyone has been before where I am today. That state of intense excitement for something that is seemingly light years away or will never happen, but you have conceived as a legitimate possibility simply out of lust for or after this thing or person. Today is not the first time, however, that I have experienced this.

Three years ago, I woke up shortly after 3 am with wicked bad heartburn from 1 am Taco Bell, which I was convinced, was a good idea at the time. Being awakened rudely from a sound sleep by a burning sensation running the length of my esophagus ended up actually, being quite the fortuitous event. After munching down seven Roloids I needed a moment to let it take effect. I stumbled over to my laptop and flipped it open. I went to check Facebook to see if perhaps, some other afflicted soul was up leaving useless wall posts or commenting on seven year old pictures of me (pictures from seven years ago, not me as a seven year old) because they had nothing better to do. I never made it to my account.

The Comcast home page had a small article simply stating "Police reunion rumors hold water," which I

excitedly clicked on and read, no less than 25 times. I couldn't believe it. My wildest dream (alright, wildest dream not including Paula Creamer) was more than likely coming true and I didn't even need to sell a kidney on the black market or sell my soul to Bill Belichick to have it come true. I would get to see The Police play live before I died. In the end I saw them 5 times, but the build up to my first show at Fenway Park was more torture for me than watching Steve Bartman content is for Cubs fans.

Now I'm stuck doing this for, at the very least, two full years, waiting for my all time favorite novel to be turned into a movie. I'm not talking about the next Harry Potter movie because, I'll be honest, besides Emma Watson and Alan Rickman ("German accent" "Where are my Detonators!") I can't find any reason to go watch such a film. Unless the Misses wants me to go, that's the only reason I saw the last Potter. Anyway, Hunter S. Thompson's first novel *The Rum Diary* is finally being put together for the big screen. It's the first time since 1998's *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* that one of Thompson's works

will be made into a major motion picture. The film, *The Rum Diary* has been listed as being in "pre-production" on IMDb for nearly two years already and I honestly never thought I'd see any progress on it, until today this is.

I was bored and looking for something to do this piece on and while wading through Bill Simmons columns and Alex Rodriguez stories, which, by the way, are being beaten to a bloody pulp with the collective shoe of all sports reporters and bloggers. Any who, that's when I found myself IMDbing every movie and TV show I've ever been even faintly interested in. Again, you've all been there too at some point. I ended up getting to *The Rum Diary* page when I read an article called "Eckhart and Jenkins Drink Some Rum" from *TheMovingPicture.net* about their joining the cast. I couldn't believe it. Much like Garnett to the Celtics, it's something I never thought would happen. I thought the rumors and talks had become stagnant and had about as much chance of progress as the Clippers have of winning an NBA title in the next decade. Or, ever for that matter. The point is, now I have to keep waiting for my

new favorite movie to come out. I know that my crazy longing for this films debut is probably yet another case of my over hyping something that will in no way shape or form turn out to be as good as I thought it would. They'll go in and screw with the plot and characters I loved so much and it will disappoint me.

The more I think about this, the more I think I've found the key to never being disappointed by a novel based screen play; don't ever read the book. If you don't ever read the book, then the movie will automatically be better. That sounds obvious, but think about it. I know I'm not the only one who's ever picked up a book and decided "hey, I think I'd thoroughly enjoy this" just be reading the back cover or the title? Now, if you never read this book, you'll automatically love the movie; you'd just better hope they make the movie.

I decided I loved the *Rum Diary* before I actually read the book. Just reading the background info on it, being set in 1950's boomtown Puerto Rico with a vagrant journalist who spends his days writing for a failing English-language news paper and his nights

chasing skirts and drinking rum on the beach as the main character, was enough for me. I didn't need to read the book, but I did, and I loved it. I'll be completely honest, I think besides Paula Creamer, I don't think there is anything I'd rather do than live that life. That sounds pretty good, right? I hold out hope that the film, which will star Johnny Depp and now, Aaron Eckhart and Richard Jenkins, won't stray too much from the original story but hey, everyone knows Hollywood likes to take liberties with things because the original never seems to be as good as the new, improved, shiny new one.

So now that I have two years, at least, to wait for this movie, I've got to find something to do with my time. Perhaps I'll read the book a couple more times? I mean, this isn't like *Star Wars* for nerds, I won't be camped out waiting. But you can bet your ass I'm there for the midnight showing the night it opens with a flask of the finest rum I can find.

Oh, and the Sox reported yesterday. Whoopiddy do.

Dale Continued...

Power Forward: Amar'e Stoudemire

It would be great to see Amar'e get traded right before the game, just so the league would have the first WTF moment in an All-Star game. Do they make him wear a blank jersey? If he gets traded to the Nets does he then start for the East? Oh, the possibilities.

Small Forward: Tim Duncan

Mentioned this last week. Maybe the league is hoping Amar'e gets dealt so we won't have to watch LeBron break Duncan's ankles every time up the floor. This might not end well.

Shooting Guard Kobe Bryant

Kobe is a killer. And the more people write about MJ's mer-

ciless personality the more the Kobe-MJ comparisons make sense. The Black Mamba will make his 11th All-Star appearance.

Point Guard- Chris Paul CP3 tweaked his groin a week back so let's not be hasty and throw him out there to the wolves. Give him 10 minutes and then sit him. An injured Chris Paul is bad news for this league.

Reserves:

Dirk Nowitzki- Dirk is dirty. Say what you want about his toughness, but he is the model when it comes to international players. He is what you strive for when you scout abroad.

Shaquille O'Neal- Some question Shaq being here, even him, but come on. He's a top 5 player ALL-TIME! Even if he can't hit the broad side of a barn from the charity strip.

Brandon Roy- This kid can ball. If Oden molds into the player we all think he can Roy to Oden could be synonymous with Stockton to Malone.

Chauncey Billups- Let's just thank God this All-Star game isn't in Detroit so when Billups takes a patented in-your-face three we won't have to hear "Cha-Cha-Cha Chauncey Billups!" He maybe in Denver, but you know the Motor City's PA announcer wants to bust that out for old-time sake.

Pau Gasol- The jury is still out on Pau's toughness, which seems to always be a recurring theme with foreign player, but he sure played great against the Celtics. When the refs shoot your best defensive player out of the game on a B.S. call you tend have a tougher time guarding bigs like Gasol.

David West- He's a sneaky good player. Even when you



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play with him in NBA 2K9 he's sneaky good.

Tony Parker- On my fantasy team and don't need another injury. So, be careful Tony.

H-O-R-S-E

This could steal the show or sink the show. Personally I want it to succeed, but I think something big-shot Editor-In-Chief Colby Henderson said is the best alternative. Why not have H-O-R-S-E played with old-time players? Tell me you wouldn't watch if they got Larry Legend, Magic and MJ on the court for H-O-R-S-E? Granted the NBA

would have to pony up the dough. Get it? Pony up the dough. Oh, puns! Anyway Kevin Durant, O.J. Mayo and Joe Johnson stand to compete in the actual game. No dunks allowed. Should be fun. So watch!

The Picks

All-Star Game

East 133 West 126

H-O-R-S-E

Kevin Durant

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

Your chart is focused on your personal finances and the planets are doing what is necessary to create the prosperity and opportunities needed to bring you to a higher status. You need to be careful because there can be personal temptations that could appear at weak moments with the power to take you down.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

You are in your high cycle of the month. That means you should try to pull out all the stops as long as the universe is backing you and your actions. This is when your personality sparkles and shines brightly in the eyes of others.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

Your chart calls out for you to trust your inner intuition and psychic abilities more in your day-to-day life. Your thought impressions will be right on the money. However in personal relationships, there is likely more going on than meets the eye, so you cannot allow yourself to get swept away by fears or insecurities.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

Your week is geared toward breaking you free from the ruts and routines of everyday life. There can be outrageous opportunities and ideas that can appear in an instant. Keep your attitude and performance at the work place is at it's highest levels.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

The planets are arranged in a way that causes your professional and social life to capture the attention of others. You'll find some are supportive and eager to see you succeed, while others are just waiting for you to slip up. Keep your ego in check and maintain a down to earth approach.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

There are times when the universe requires us to take a leap of faith. Your current horoscope is golden, however it's very likely you are not able to see the magic and potential that's all around you, just waiting to be discovered. The planets are arranged in a way that make

it vital that you get serious and focused upon ensuring that your future wants and needs will be met.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

This week's chart energy makes it really easy to release your inner passions and sensuality. This is like the emotions being on steroids, so you need to remain in control of your actions and use this energy to your advantage whenever possible. It's a great time to speak from the heart so others know exactly how you feel.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

Your challenge is to restore the balance in personal relationships. You have a way of making whatever you do look so easy, making others jealous. Show others more of the human part of your being, complete with faults. Just like everybody else.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 23)

This week's chart energy requires you to put more focus on your attitude and effort. This is when others tend to be highly critical of you, so going the extra mile to ensure you are doing your job as effectively and efficiently as possible will do you a lot of good.

Libra

(September 24 - October 23)

There are times when you just need to kick back and totally enjoy yourself and those you love and care about the most. This is one of those special weeks. This energy brings out the absolute best of your personality and warmth.

Scorpio

(October 24 - November 22)

This week's chart adds overall depth and intensity of your personal feelings. This in itself is a terrific thing. You also need to look more toward your future and destiny.

Sagittarius

(November 23 - December 23)

This week's chart energy is intended for you to laugh and have a good time. As long as the energy remains open and light, you will be in great shape. There's likely to be magic and miracles all around you just waiting to happen.

* Horoscopes by weeklyhoroscope.com

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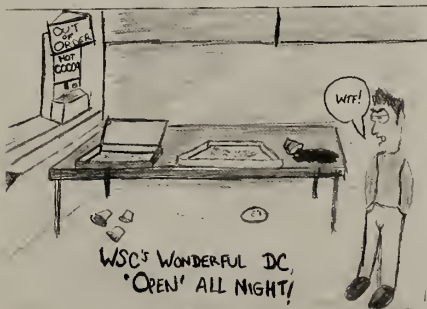
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



Thumbs Up / Thumbs Down



President's Three Day Weekend!



Having a Monday schedule on Tuesday!

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Sat 2/14	High 38 Low 23 	Mostly Sunny 10% Chance of Prec.
Sun 2/15	High 34 Low 22 	Partly Cloudy 10% Chance of Prec.
Mon 2/16	High 33 Low 19 	Partly Cloudy 10% Chance of Prec.
Tue 2/17	High 30 Low 17 	Mostly Cloudy 10% Chance of Prec.
Wed 2/18	High 31 Low 17 	Few Showers 10% Chance of Prec.
Thu 2/19	High 32 Low 20 	Cloudy 10% Chance of Prec.

Hours Of Operation

Dining Commons

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-8:00p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 8:00a.m.-1:30p.m. & 4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.

*Cyber Cafe located in the Dining Commons is open 24 hours with limited self service

Subway

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-11:00p.m.

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Dunkin' Donuts

Monday-Thursday 8:00a.m.-9:30p.m.

Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 7:00a.m.-12:30a.m.

Quixotes

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Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

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Sunday 1:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

Pandini's

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Garden Cafe

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WSC's marijuana policy unchanged by Question 2

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WESTFIELD- Since the election and the passing of Question 2, much debate has sprung on college campuses. Will colleges adopt the state's new policy or will marijuana still be subject to the same penalties?

"I think it should be the same punishment as getting caught with alcohol when you're underage," Sarah Hollin, a sophomore Art and Graphic Design major said. "I can understand the school wanting a policy, but I think the punishment does not fit the crime."

Currently the Westfield State College handbook states that anyone caught in possession of any amount of marijuana can be subject to the loss of housing for the first offense.

Under the new law, citizens caught with up to an ounce of marijuana will be subject to a civil fine of \$100. To many students at WSC, the confusion over the school's marijuana policy is a heated one.

An RA who asked to remain anonymous said he believes that the college has the right to regulate marijuana as they see fit. Despite this he said if the school relaxed the policy it might make more students stay on campus.

"I think that it is a very strict rule to begin with," the RA said. "You could have a successful student who [just] wants to relax. They could be motivated and they get kicked off campus."

The RA also said the student handbook's interpretation should be amended to reflect that

the policy is a school policy and not a state law.

Currently the school's handbook states: "The Westfield State College Board of Trustees in upholding state laws and regulations and in supporting the mission of the College requires its agents to enforce college regulations regarding the unlawful use or possession of controlled substances and drugs on the Westfield State College campus."

Dean of Students, Susan LaMontagne, said the Board of Trustees voted last week on changes to the handbook that

"The spirit of The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act says we will have a zero tolerance," LaMontagne said.

From 2005 to 2007 WSC had an average of 39 drug related offenses per year, compared to Bridgewater State who had 43 per year.

LaMontagne said the majority of the drug offenses on campus were marijuana related.

"I'm absolutely positive that it's 99% pot," LaMontagne said in reference to the drug offenses. "Besides alcohol, marijuana is the drug of choice here,

"I think any policy change on campus should go through much thoughtfulness and discussion."

"were strictly text changes."

LaMontagne added that the sentence referring to "upholding state laws" was stricken from the handbook based on the new law, but the school still stands by the current policy.

"I think any policy change on campus should go through much thoughtfulness and discussion," LaMontagne said. "We review our alcohol and drug policy every year."

"It didn't decriminalize marijuana, marijuana is still an illicit drug, but it gave a certain amount that was illicit," LaMontagne said in reference to Question 2.

LaMontagne added that due to a prohibition at the federal level, the schools could lose financial aid if it did relax the policy.

like most college campuses."

LaMontagne said that in spring of 2006 and 2007 all drug offenses were marijuana.

Despite federal prohibitions, there are questions of how the school would respond if medical marijuana was legalized in Massachusetts.

LaMontagne said the school would react the same way if such a law was passed.

The RA said he agrees with the purposes of medical marijuana because of the benefits it has for the severely sick.

"I do agree with it, but I can see where it would be abused heavily," the RA said. "In those scenarios a permitted time or place to [smoke would be needed]; if that were to be constructed it would be a better way to go about it."



Despite Question 2 passing, the school stands by its zero-tolerance policy.
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New TV show features Westfield State President, nationally-known guests

WESTFIELD- A new 30-minute television show offers interviews with widely known newsmakers on both the national and state. The show, *One on One* with Dr. Dobelle, features President Evan S. Dobelle interviewing nationally- and internationally-known speakers who come to Westfield State, as well as guests with significant roles in state and local government.

The first segment of the show airs this week on Channel 15, the Westfield Community Programming channel, which is produced at Westfield State. The show is also available through the college web site at <http://www.wsc.ma.edu/videos/>.

Mark St. Jean, coordinator of television production and operations at Westfield State, said each show airs for a week on Channel 15 at 10 a.m. and 11 p.m. Mondays, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 11 p.m. Thursdays, and noon on Saturdays and Sundays.

The first show features Dr. Benjamin Carson, internationally-known neurosurgeon and director of Pediatric Neurosurgery at John Hopkins Medical Center. Carson spoke at Westfield State in January about his transformation from a frustrated and angry inner city youth to one of the world's most respected physicians. A movie, *Gifted Hands: The Benjamin Carson Story*, based on Carson's books and life story, was aired on the TNT network earlier this month.

Upcoming guests will include Frederick W. Clark, recently named executive officer of the Council of Presidents of the Massachusetts State Colleges; Ralph Nader, influential consumer advocate and former presidential candidate; and Debbie Reese, upcoming Westfield State speaker and nationally known advocate for the American Indian or Native American community.

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Student of the Week



Stats: Stephen Konefal, 22, senior, Westfield, Mass.

Major: Undeclared

If you would sleep with anybody in the world who would it be? Terri Hatcher, when she used to be Lois Lane and before she had a penis.

If you could have any superpower what would it be? I'd do time travel. I'd stop George Bush from doing a lot of things, and Will Ferrell from doing that remake of Bewitched.

What do you want to be when you grow up? I would like to be either a nurse at an elementary school teacher. Anything with kids because adults are kind of lame.

What's your favorite form of alternative energy? Mountain Dew in its distilled powder form and inhaled nasally.

What's your favorite thing about the recession? I am permitted to play Halo as long as I want, and when my parents say, "hey Steve, how's the job search going?" I can tell them I tried.

If you want to be Student of the Week, email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu

BIOMASS: A Useful Waste

Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

Humans produce tons of waste. Tons and tons of waste. As a species, we tend to trash first and think about the alternatives later, when it's too late because the trash is already on its way to the local transfer station. Some of us try to recycle what we can; many of us don't even do that. I'm not trying to point fingers or place blame, because we all do it. But it is also true that much of our waste is basically unsalvageable anyway, like spoiled food and scrap wood. Every once in a while we will look at these things and wonder if they can be useful in any way. And if you find yourself

fretting about it, pull yourself out of the fetal position, take a deep breath, and relax: there is an alternative energy source for you.

Some of you may have heard of biomass fuel because of the seemingly incessant squabbling about the proposed biomass site on the Westfield River in Russell (I won't torture you with my opinions on the subject — maybe another time). Despite hearing about it in the local news, you may still be asking, "What the hell is biomass?" Well, I'm here to tell you.

Biomass is organic material made from plants and animals, like the stuff mentioned above as well as manure, crops, animal fats, and even some garbage. All of these can be used as bio-

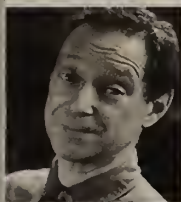
mass fuel by releasing their chemical energy as heat.

The use of organic matter as fuel also makes biomass a renewable energy since we will always have such waste. The only setback is that biomass does release pollution, though considerably less than fossil fuels.

There are different ways to use biomass. The most common is by burning — in this case usually wood. In fact, some manufacturers use their own wood waste by producing steam to power electricity. Biomass plants use the same process in order to generate electricity that can be used by homes and businesses. Some sites burn Municipal Solid Waste (aka garbage) to produce energy, which is good because it means that

less waste gets tossed in landfills. It's a little risky because harmful gases and particles are released from the garbage and must be filtered out and disposed of.

Another biomass use is collecting methane gas (known as "biogas") that is released from rotting garbage and using it as fuel. An interesting example of this is a method developed by some dairy farmers; they store muck and manure from their barns in tanks called "digesters," and extract the biogas from them. "Biofuels" can also be created from biomass material and are becoming one of the more favorable alternative fuel sources. More on that next week.



DR. RICHARD
HANDLER

Wednesday,
March 4, 2009
333 Western
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4:30 p.m.

WSC Speaker Series Presents:

Dr. Richard Handler will speak on the anthropology of American Academic Administration. Handler is a cultural anthropologist who studies modern western societies.

His initial fieldwork was in Quebec (1976-1984) where he studied the Qu'becois nationalist movement. This has led to an enduring interest in nationalism, ethnicity and the politics of culture. Upon coming to Virginia in 1986, he pursued the latter topic by looking at history museums. Beginning in 1990, he worked with Eric Gable (Ph.D. Virginia 1990) and Anna Lawton (Ph.D. Virginia 1995)

on an ethnographic study of Colonial Williamsburg, an outdoor museum and a mid-sized nonprofit corporation. In addition to examining the invention of history and tradition, his study focuses on corporate culture, class, race and gender.

A century ago, in The Higher Learning in America, Thorsten Veblen sketched the struggle between "pure" scholarship and commercial interests that characterizes American colleges and universities to this day. Currently, higher education administrators struggle to "brand" and market their institutions, to raise private money in the face

of declining state support. Yet, no one brand appeals to all stakeholders. While faculty still honor scholarship and teaching for their own sake, the corporate world demands a "skilled" workforce and students are increasingly demanding "service learning" that speaks to their understanding of social justice and ecological sustainability.

Administrators, often drawn from the ranks of the professoriate, struggle to describe their institutional missions in competing vocabularies that different "stakeholders" can understand. In the process, do they risk diminishing

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The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be dropped off at The Voice office in Fly Campus Center, room C-248, no later than 6 p.m. on the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Quick Hits

- Old Apt. and New Apt. hall will offer co-ed options. These co-ed apts. will not be co-ed by room
- Davis will be all freshman by Fall '09
- Courtney will have a quiet living section on one of the wings of the fourth floor
- Scanlon will have half of it's bathrooms refurbished over the summer
- Housing lottery numbers will be distributed by spring break
- Room deposits must be in by March 2nd, either \$200 by cash or check. Checks are to be made out to Westfield State College
- As of Wednesday there were still around 100 Senate Banquet tickets remaining
- "Fan Bus" will pick up in front of Scanlon Hall for the Men's Hockey game Saturday February 28 at Amelia Arena. The bus will leave WSC at 5:30 pm.

TV: WSC President Evan Dobelle to Participate in Colleges TV Show

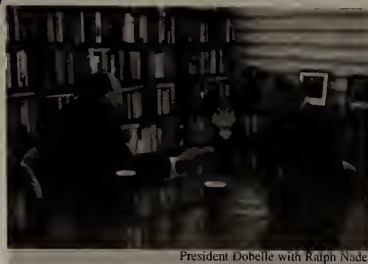
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"We hope this show will offer broader access to the knowledge and insights these extraordinary individuals have to share," Dobelle said. "The college continues to be a center of dialogue on a variety of important issues and we want the community to enjoy this opportunity to hear from those directly involved in the events of our day."

The show is produced and directed by Eric Jones, a senior majoring in communication. Jones, a Monson resident, has significant experience pro-

ducing and directing television shows both on and off campus.

Jones is the current director of the popular game show, *As Schools Match Wits*, produced at the college and aired on WGBY Public Television and is the president of the student-run club, WSC-TV. He has been involved in television production since age 12 and his credits include producing NASCAR New England, which is aired on NESN, the New England Sports Network.



President Dobelle with Ralph Nader

Cervical Cancer Impacts Millions of Women

Cait Penndorf
Op. & Ed. Editor

According to the National Cancer Institute, there were 11,070 new cases of cervical cancer and 3,870 deaths from cervical cancer in the United States in 2008. Numbers like these may play a big role in why young women are looking to the Gardasil shots as a way of protection.

However, some people feel that the shots are a way to promote premarital sex. They're looking past the fact that these shots are about protection, not promotion. It's important for young women to know that they have the option to get these shots, without feeling embarrassed or as if it's directly linked to their sexual experiences.

The Gardasil vaccine is a series of three shots meant for young women ages 9 to 26. According to Gardasil.com, it's "the only cervical cancer vaccine that helps protect against four types of human papillomavirus (HPV): two types that cause 70% of cervical cancer cases, and two more types that cause 90% of genital wart cases." HPV is the most common sexual-

ly transmitted infection and most people who contract it do not show any symptoms. Some strains can go through a person like a virus and clear up on their own, but others have more serious effects.

In February of 2007, the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey gave a national estimate of the prevalence of HPV in women ranging from ages 14 to 59 in the United States. The study found that 26.8 percent of women in this age range tested positive from one or more strains of HPV.

The prevalence of high-risk HPV, which causes cervical cancer, within this group of women was 15.2 percent.

Helping to protect young women from HPV, genital warts and cervical cancer is something that the medical world hasn't been able to do before now. It's a way of empowering young women and allowing them to make a big decision about their general health, not just their sexual health. However, some look at this empowerment as giving young women the ability to have sexual interactions without concern or care because they've been

vaccinated.

Keeping the above information in mind, let's think about another vaccine people are given in the United States: the hepatitis B vaccine. Hepatitis B is a disease that is spread when blood from a hepatitis B infected person enters another person's body. This transaction is most common during sexual interaction, but can also occur when sharing needles for drug use. By recommending this vaccine (which is recommended at a child's birth), is the medical world advocating premarital sex and intravenous drug use? It sounds ludicrous. It's the same with the Gardasil vaccine. As stated earlier, it's a way to protect, not to promote.

People may feel that because a female is allowed to get the vaccine beginning at such a young age, they may not understand what the vaccine actually does and this could lead to promiscuity because the young girl may feel that she is protected completely from other sexual health risks. While this is a valid concern, parents must take the time to explain to young girls what this vaccine does so the misconception becomes unwarranted. The

more informed a young woman is, the more tools she'll have to help her make better decisions regarding sexual interaction in the future. The span of time in which young women are eligible to get the vaccine spans from ages nine to twenty six, so if a parent feels their child isn't ready at nine years old, they certainly have more time in the future to get the vaccine if they decide to.

While people may still feel that Gardasil is a promotion for premarital sex and others choose to not get the shots for various reasons, it's good to know that vaccine is available. It's a huge step in women's health and since 2008, Merck and Co., the manufacturers of the vaccine, have distributed over 16 million doses in the United States, according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Protecting the health of individuals is important. People shouldn't view a vaccine as something negative because of how the disease or virus associated with it is contracted. They should see it as protection from the disease or virus and their effects.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I wanted to thank Congress and specifically Congressman Olver for the higher education aspects of the economic recovery plan. They voted to invest in higher education by increasing the Pell grant, increasing work study aid and increasing the higher edu-

cation tax credit.

Financial aid allows students to attend college and become better participants in society. If college students graduated with less debt, they would be more able to contribute to the economy after graduation.

I'm glad that we can count on Congressman Olver and President

Obama for

recognizing that the road to long term economic recovery begins with education.

Sincerely,

Sarah Mitnick

Dunkin Donuts' hours conflict with student schedules

"Damn!" is one of the many various phrases uttered by potential Dunkin Donuts customers turned away at the door upon realizing the on-campus coffee shop closes early on weeknights. On weekends the store is open until midnight and business is extremely slow. On weeknights, the store usually closes at 9:30 p.m. The problem there is that a large number of potential customers go home on the weekend. Most have little reason to get a caffeine fix in the late hours of the night, as they aren't up studying. Students on campus would probably have a beverage in hand, but it would not be coffee.

During the week,

however, many students are up well past midnight, cramming for early tests they have to take the next morning, or scrambling to write that last-minute paper. Those same students are most likely struggling to keep awake and are wondering why they can't buy a coffee anywhere.

The on-campus Dunkin Donuts needs to provide this option to students, as it would not only be good for business from their perspective, but it would be providing a much-needed service to students, as well.

In a big change last semester, the dining hall became open 24 hours a day, but with limited (self) service. Anyone looking to get coffee at the dining hall will

be subjected to old, stale coffee—if they are lucky. Since no one is on staff, there is no one to replenish the coffee reserves if they were to run out. For those who have tried that coffee before, a lack of it isn't necessarily a bad thing. Dunkin Donuts' coffee, however, is always fresh and the quality remains consistent.

The franchise's policy mandates that coffee stored in insulated containers must be dumped no later than an hour after brewing and must be replaced to ensure that all customers are served with fresh coffee. This is worth paying for compared to the dining hall's free coffee that is probably four or five hours stale.

Selig's legacy hinges on steroid decision

Last Tuesday, after Alex Rodriguez tried to evoke pity from baseball fans across the country for using steroids, Bud Selig was making sure the blame for baseball's steroid era, one of the darkest baseball has seen since its Black Sox scandal of 1919, will not ultimately be pinned on him.

Selig has dealt with his fair share of criticism since taking over as the Commissioner of Major League Baseball in 1992, from the player's strike in 1994 to the tie in the 2002 all-star game, but he has finally reached the point in which his legacy as commissioner will be defined. Like Kennesaw Mountain

Landis' decision to ban the White Sox players in 1919 and Ford Frick's decision in 1961 to place an asterisk next to Roger Maris' single season home run record, Selig has to decide how he will handle this steroid situation which has cast a dark shadow over the game of baseball.

Alex Rodriguez is just one of 103 players who tested positive for steroids during random tests between the 2001 and 2003 seasons. Though Rodriguez should not be singled out for his actions, he should face a penalty for tainting not only the game of baseball, but a legacy that was destined to bring baseball up from the ashes and save the name of the game.

Whether Selig implements a fine system or decides to suspend offending players, a tactic in which some current players such as Red Sox slugger David Ortiz are calling for, he needs to do something that will preserve the game of the little shred of dignity it has left.

Selig's legacy rests on these next few months, whether those other 103 players are named or not, his decision to penalize the offenders will be crucial and it may be in his best interest to clear the game and the record books of anyone who has been caught using performance-enhancing drugs. It is the only way to save the America's game.

EDITOR'S DESK



Hello there! I'm a little disconnected from The Voice this week (I'm currently stationed in North Adams where I'm visiting my sister who just got knee surgery), so my editors desk is also a little disconnected.

First, it's almost halfway through the semester. This means that I have spent the last month and a half basically abusing my body, and now I have a nasty little cold a'brewin. I thought drinking red wine on a daily basis was supposed to keep that stuff away, but now I'm just drinking Airborne.

Next, do any of you watch The Real Housewives of New York City? Oh uhh... none of you? Yea, me either. But, if I were to watch it, I would say that watching Angela and Simon's gratuitous display of money spending is enough to make a grown man cry. We're in the midst of a recession and I'm sitting there watching these two clowns spend thousands of dollars on dresses and Speedos. So maybe I'm the clown, because I should just turn it off.

Well, I have to go play nurse with my sister. Oh, get your minds out of the gutter.

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Written by Eve Ensler

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EDITOR'S DESK



We're sitting here in the voice office watching the Red Sox first spring training game and I can't help myself.

This Red Sox season could go two ways as I see it. The Red Sox win it all or they will crash and burn. It is really that cut and dry for me.

Despite all the Yankee drama they still have a great team. Tampa Bay isn't going anywhere and if you think they are, you have another thing coming. The Sox, Rays and Yanks will all win over 90 games.

This string of a division is unprecedented and it will make for a lot of great baseball played in Boston this year. The top three teams in baseball call the AL East home and to be honest it will be a shame that one of them won't make the playoffs.

Let's just hope it's one of the other two.

Until next week... peace everybody...

Jeff Dale
Editor-At-Large

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The Freshmen Experience

By Mary Cafferty



Well, it looks like the weather is finally starting to get a little bit warmer.

I know. I know. There's still snow on the ground. And that wind - well, it's still bone-chilling. But there's something about an absolutely beautiful afternoon (like today; there's not a single cloud in the sky) that makes the weather feel a little bit warmer.

And the days are getting longer, too. It's no longer pitch dark outside by quarter to five.

I don't know about you, but the change in weather has

had a significant impact on my mood. I didn't realize how the short, cold winter days were affecting me. But now that the weather is turning around, I find that I'm happier overall. More upbeat. No longer stuck in a weird winter-y rut.

It's strange to think that my first year of college is winding down. I feel like I've been here for so much longer than a semester and a half. I've learned so much about myself in such a short time since setting foot on campus that it seems impossible for everything to have happened

in such a short span of time.

When I think of winter, I think of being huddled up in my dorm room, scrambling to finish my first semester's finals, papers, and projects. But now that I can feel the warm weather coming, I feel freed from all of that. It's a good feeling.

Of course, summer is still a long way off. It isn't even spring break yet. But on days like today, when the sky is a perfect, unbroken shade of light blue, summer is in sight.

And after such a long winter, I'm ready for it.

Adventures from Abroad

by Robert Louis McGinnity



Aloha everyone,
Corresponding from Hawaii, I thought this week I would write about how Westfield and Hilo schools are the same and different. First, I suppose the first difference is that Hilo is a university. The University of Hawaii at Hilo is a very small school, with around 3,500 enrolled students. Westfield is has more students than that being a college. At Hilo, you are charged seven cents for printing a piece of paper whereas at Westfield, you are allowed to print papers free of charge. This isn't a huge deal here but it does get troublesome from time to time.

Westfield has a wide variety of intramural sports on campus but Hilo only offers basketball, soccer and softball. Hilo is implementing more as I write this, most of them being water-related because of the state-of-the-art outdoor pool. This is an aspect where Hilo has the upper hand. Hilo opened a building called the "Student Life Center" which includes a work out facility and outdoor pool. There is also a smoothie café inside, although they are pricey and don't compare to my favorite drink on campus at Westfield's Jazzman's; a strawberry and banana smoothie with whipped cream. The whipped cream is imperative and I highly recommend you to try one.

There are more on-campus activities and clubs at Westfield than at Hilo. You usually have to pay a fee to join a club here in Hilo. The thing about Hilo is the ability to go to the beach or go surfing at a moment's notice which Westfield simply can't offer. The weather is an obvious and big difference between both places. Hilo is either raining or sunny with the temperature being around 65-85 degrees. Westfield this time of the year is very cold with snow, rain, or a wintery mix. The newspaper pays 7 cents a word and 15 dollars a picture for arti-

cles that get put in the paper. I did an article for them and they put the wrong name for my article and picture. I was not a happy camper to say the least. I also have not seen a cent of that money thus far so I would have to give the edge to Westfield for the ability to put whatever you want in the paper with good intention. Woodward is a better basketball court than Hilo has for its main basketball gym. The off campus housing I live at is right across the street from the university where at Westfield does not provide such a luxury yet.

The way to go about getting a job is much different between Hilo and Westfield. When I was a freshman, I went to different departments and asked if they needed help and got a work study job. This year in Hawaii it was a totally different story. You have to go online and go through a list of job postings that faculty have posted. Once you choose a job that appeals to you, it then gets put in "your referrals." Once you have completed this step you can see the details of this job and whom you must contact in order to pursue the job. Jobs are very competitive and you must go through an interview process. It is very arduous and a big pain finding a job. I was not able to get one last semester. I am lucky enough to have one this semester working at the campus theater.

Hilo does not have a football team and Westfield does not have a Hawaiian building club. The ethnicity of students is vastly different between here and back home. There is a strong Polynesian and Asian influence here where as Westfield had more of a Caucasian feel to it. I really notice the difference walking through school every day. The library here closes at 10:30 pm, which I find absurd at college this day and age. I don't remember what time the library closed at Westfield but I know it isn't that early during the week. The hours are even shorter on the

weekends here. Westfield sends a lot of e-mails reminding students about things on and off of campus where as Hilo uses the old school method of putting fliers on a big bulletin board. They also send e-mails regarding campus events but it is not nearly as helpful as the bulletin boards around campus. All and all, both places have their ups and downs, but I have enjoyed both very much.

There are a few similarities between the two schools. The campus structure is kind of the same in regards to having a beautiful campus with many grassy areas to relax. Westfield has "the Green" and Stanley Park where as at Hilo there are many grassy areas around campus in which to lounge around. The dorms at Westfield and Hilo are pretty much the same with the double shared room style or apartment style. The lounges both here and at Westfield provide pool tables, televisions, and ping pong. Classes are pretty much the same as they were at Westfield as far as I can recall. Both campuses have wireless internet throughout the campus. Both schools offer the NSE program, which allowed me to be here in Hawaii. I went whale watching on a sail boat a few days ago which was really awesome. I have never seen whales close up before and it was a truly majestic experience. On my way to the boat we went on, I fell off my bike trying to do "no hands, no feet," which inevitably left me taking a digger on the pavement and getting a bunch of gashes on my right foot. I broke a piece on my bike located near the left handle bar in the process as well.

I guess that leaves me with the message of take risks and be creative, but make sure you're willing to pay the price if it doesn't go to plan.

The Conservative View

By Sean Klay

First off, let me start this week's piece by stating what conservatism is not; it is not a religion nor is it an ideology. There is no Das Kapital, Mein Kampf or some form of Holy Writ to give its subscribers some form of dogma to cling too. Conservatism, when properly defined, is as Russell Kirk once said "the negation of ideology; it is a state of mind, a type of character, a way of looking at the civil social order."

Furthermore, conservatism is not a belief where people of like mind get together in order to deliberately ruin everyone's day, which is the notion that is popularly portrayed among those in Hollywood and in the main-stream media. It is a collection of principles that guide what policy should be in the areas of social, economic and governmental intercourse. It does not oppose change, since it is the inevitability of humans, by their nature, to continually seek self improvement. However the change that does takes place needs to be governed by those principals.

Socially conservatives believe in an "enduring moral order." That in order for society to survive, that human societies must be governed by basic principles, and that each and everyone of us has been "endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights", that no person

and no government can ever take away. We are as individuals equal in the eyes of the law regardless of our race, gender, creed, religious belief, or in our social and economic standing.

Economically, conservatives believe that government should have as little intervention in this area as possible, since when it does, it intrudes on the one pillar that our individual freedoms are based, our right to private property. In the realm of economics, government's role is to ensure that we get the opportunity to take part, but it is not there to ensure we all get equal results. We do not have a right to own a penthouse on 5th Avenue, or have our home shown to the world on MTV's Cries. We are entitled to rise as far as our talent, abilities, and personal ambition will take us. We are guaranteed legal equality in life; we are not entitled to economic equality. Life is not fair. Life is hard. Government is not there to provide you a house, a pay check, and 3-square meals at the expense of the tax payer. It is there to set the conditions of your physical security so you get the opportunity to earn those things. What you do with that opportunity, after that, is on you. There is a reason why we find stories of people who have overcome hardship and adversity to be inspiring, and look to them, as examples and role models.

This is why the issue of taxation becomes such a contentious one. While there is a need for taxation in some form, in order to provide the essential services that benefit everyone in our communities, such as police, fire and EMT services. It does not have the right to tax for the purpose of redistributing wealth from those who have money to those who do not. That is an assault on private property rights, and in effect punishes those who are successful in life. Where I come from in NY, property taxes have become a major issue. When you have lower middle-class families and retirees forced to sell because they can no longer afford their homes, even after they have paid off their mortgages, there is a serious problem. When property taxes become in effect "rent to the government," when it can force you out of your home because you either can no longer afford the tax burden, or it seizes it in order to create a larger tax base, is when government has crossed the line between protecting freedom and liberty to becoming an oppressive and tyrannical entity.

In the realm of governments role in our lives, conservatives believe that the less that role is, the better our lives as individuals will be. Often the term "limited government" is associated with conservatives, and in principle this is true. Conservatives believe that when you have an expansion of governmental power, you do so at the expense of individual liberty and freedom.

When it comes to our nation, conservatives look at the Constitution in a very strict way. The Constitution from a conservative view is not a living document, it says what it says. While it is a document that can be amended, there is a reason why it is so difficult to do so. So I urge everyone who reads this, to go read a copy of our Constitution, and if you have, go read it again. Our government has been given very strict and defined powers for a reason, and the Constitution is a limiting document. When government exceeds these powers is when it begins to trample individual liberties and freedoms. There is a reason why for me, after Amendments 1 and 2, that 9 and 10 are my favorite.

When governmental policy crosses the line from acting in the interest and for the benefit of all, verses promoting a sub-group over the rest is like saying "we are all equal, but some are more equal than others." If you don't understand, go read Animal Farm.

Probably the most concise summary of the conservative's view on government was articulated by Ronald Reagan when he stated that "government exists to protect us from each other. Where government has gone beyond its limits is in deciding to protect us from ourselves."

In light of recent events, this is in part why I find the actions of our elected officials in Washington, Boston, Hartford and Albany particularly insulting. Our

governmental officials at both the state and federal levels have begun to treat all of us as helpless children who need to be coddled and looked after instead of intelligent, and responsible adults. Every time another government program is created it is government telling us, the people, that we are incapable of taking care of ourselves. Every time that happens, we surrender just a little bit more of our liberties. Every time that happens, even more of us become beholden to the government to take care of us, thereby creating a perpetual cycle of entitlement, and never-ending governmental obligation. Every time that happens, we are divided into factions and told that we are victims of someone else's success, and that government will take them to task. It is with and through these entitlements that government has exceeded its constitutional authority in trying to protect us from ourselves.

In order for us to have the freedom to succeed, we must have the freedom to fail. More often than not, when we fail, when systems fail, when companies fail, we get hurt. That is a fact of life, and it is on us, and not our government, to allow us to the best of our ability to properly prepare for those eventualities. It is us the people, who should be the authors of our own success or failure. Without that freedom to succeed or to fail, we can never find our true potential, or our own happiness.

Obama budget would create \$634 billion



Ceci Connolly
Washington Post

President Obama intends to release a budget tomorrow that creates a 10-year, \$634 billion "reserve fund" to partially pay for a

vast expansion of the U.S. health care system, an overhaul that many experts project will cost as much as \$1 trillion over the next decade.

By first identifying a large pot of money to under-write health care reform -- before laying out a proposal on who would be covered or how -- Obama hopes to signal his willingness to negotiate with Congress over the details of an eventual plan.

"We wanted to get this process going by putting some serious resources on the table," said the official, who

was not permitted to speak on the record until formal release of the budget blueprint. "This is a reserve fund, instead of a 700-page plan. We learned the lessons of the past and want to work interactively with Congress. This is a first step."

Under the Obama budget blueprint, about half of the new "health care reserve fund" would come by limiting the tax break on itemized deductions for families with incomes above \$250,000. The proposal would reduce the value of tax deductions by about 20 percent, a change which would

generate about \$318 billion over the next 10 years, according to administration documents provided to The Washington Post.

Throughout the campaign, Obama promised to reduce the number of uninsured Americans, improve the quality of care in the country and save the typical American family \$2,500 a year in medical costs. Despite an ever-weakening economy and skyrocketing federal deficit, he has remained firm to his pledge to press ahead this year.

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The budget "includes a historic commitment to comprehensive health care reform -- a downpayment on the principle that we must have quality, affordable health care for every American," the President said in his address to Congress Tuesday night. "It's a step we must take if we hope to bring down our deficit in years to come."

Many of the itemized savings are both familiar and controversial to segments of the health industry.

Nearly one-third of the reserve fund would be generated by forcing private insurers who sell Medicare managed care plans to undergo a competitive bidding

process. Currently, the government pays the plans, known as Medicare

Advantage, about 14 percent more than traditional fee-for-service Medicare coverage, according to estimates by the Congressional Budget Office.

"The administration believes it's time to stop this waste," according to the document. That provision is estimated to save \$175 billion over the next decade.

Drug manufacturers and hospitals would face reductions as well. If the budget is approved, drug companies would be required to increase the rebate they now provide for medications sold to Medicaid patients

from 15 percent to 21 percent. The proposal would likely spark a ferocious lobbying campaign by the industry, which has argued that the current 15 percent rebate is already cutting into profits.

The budget figures also represent significant shifts in how the United States will pay for medical care in the future.

For example, experts have identified hospital readmissions -- especially for elderly patients -- as a sign of inadequate care and unnecessary expense. About 18 percent of Medicare patients are readmitted to the hospital within 30 days of their original visit. The new approach

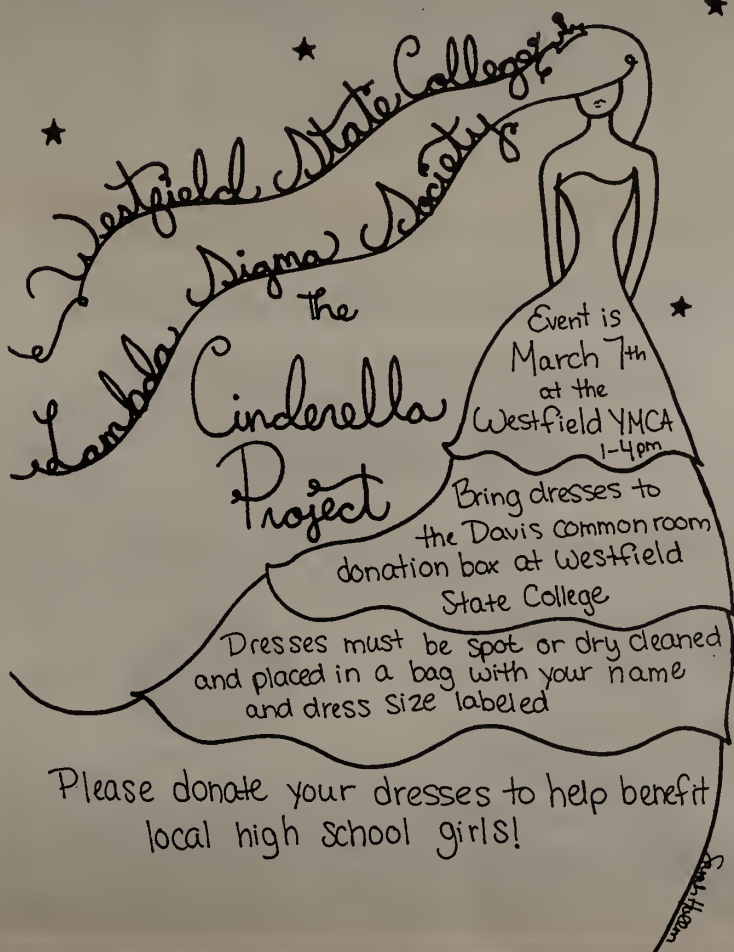
would establish flat fees for the first hospitalization and 30-day follow-up. Hospitals with high readmission rates would be paid less.

Spending on Medicare and Medicaid, the government's two primary safety-net health programs, currently consumes 5 percent of the gross domestic product, or \$660 billion a year. Absent restructuring, the two safety-net programs will equal 12 percent of the GDP by 2050.

Earlier today, the Senate Finance Committee held a hearing to review possible budget changes with the head of the Congressional Budget Office.

Without changes in policy, said Douglas Elmendorf, the number of uninsured Americans will rise from 45 million to about 54 million over the next decade.

"We cannot afford to delay health care reform," Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) said in opening remarks. "Delay will make the problems that we face today even worse. If we delay, millions more Americans will lose coverage. If we delay, premiums will grow even farther out of reach. And if we delay, federal health spending will absorb an even greater share of the nation's economy."





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Weekend Box Office Sales

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Coraline: a dark fairytale

Mike Gosciminski
Voice Reporter

This past weekend I decided to indulge in my inner child and check out the 3D version of "Coraline," a short story originally written by Neil Gaiman and recently adapted and directed by Henry Selick. Though you might not be familiar with the name Selick, you will certainly know of his previous work which mainly employs the use of stop-motion animation. He is the man behind "The Nightmare Before Christmas" (no, Tim Burton wasn't the director contrary to popular belief, he was the writer) and that was all I needed to know to hand over my 13 bucks (it was a few extra dollars for the 3D aspect).

"Coraline" follows a young blue-haired girl (voice of Dakota Fanning) as she transitions into her new home, a 150-year-old mansion that sits seemingly in the middle of nowhere. Needless to say, Coraline has a lot of time to explore her new surroundings, and the fact that her parents are both busy writers and have no time to provide Coraline a lick of attention furthers this notion.

This exploration leads Coraline to discover a small door hidden behind a patch of wallpaper, which when opened, reveals nothing but a brick wall. When the sun goes down and people head to bed, that brick wall that seemed so obstinate becomes a pathway into another world. This world is the same as Coraline's, only everything is so much warmer, her "other" parents are so much nicer, and everything seems to be made for her. The only unsettling facet about this world is that where people's eyes should be, instead, sits only black buttons sewn into their sockets.

It was that fact that clued me into the notion that "Coraline" was going to have some creepy elements to it and I can say that I wasn't wrong. The beginning scene exemplifies this as the movie opens with a pair of skeletal needle-like hands working to reassemble a puppet. The whole process is rather brutal as these spidery, sharp, cruel vestiges take an old puppet, removes its clothing and eyes, then pulls apart the string holding this empty husk together to dump out its innards. The hands then methodically and elegantly

get new stuffing and new clothes and sew fresh buttons onto its blank face. All the while the hands dance to the unsettling hum of a female voice.

What made this movie great in my opinion is the use of stop-motion animation rather than going with computer generated imagery (CGI). There are times when the animation is so smooth that you are almost fooled into thinking that it is CGI, but the minute details keep you clued in to the fact that this was a painstaking process that a lot of effort, determination, and care went into. This personally gave me more respect for the movie as a whole and gave the movie a very unique feel that is not seen in many present day kids' movies.

Another thing that I liked about the movie is that it was rather unsettling in a psychological way. There is something underneath the surface throughout most of the movie that you can't quite put your finger on, but you know that it is something eerie. This may scare children a bit. I saw some parents and their child leaving early and the look on their faces told me they were going to have

nightmares tonight. However, it is also appealing to adults because it isn't too childish to seem silly and it isn't too mature to go over the heads of children. The content of this movie has achieved a very delicate balance which I would imagine is hard to obtain for a filmmaker.

The voice-overs were also very good. Dakota Fanning gave character to an otherwise lifeless puppet, and Teri Hatcher also did the voice of the mother and the "other" mother which were excellent.

The only gripe I might have about this movie is that the 3D wasn't entirely necessary. The crew employed the use of "stereoscopic 3D" which instead of having "pop-out-at-you" gimmicky 3D, the entire movie seemed to have a depth to it as if you were watching it unfold inside of a shoebox, though the movie didn't rely on this technique. This could also be seen as a good thing, I suppose, because the movie can stand on its own without 3D. It is visually engrossing and interesting enough to be enjoyed as a 2D movie. I suppose I am only griping about it because it tacked on another two or three dollars to an

already overpriced ticket.

Overall, if you are a fan of "The Nightmare Before Christmas," or if you simply just want something to do one night, I would say this is a movie that pays off to see in theaters. The 3D effect won't be able to be as enjoyed as much from your couch and the visuals are so appealing that you will want to watch it on a massive screen, not a 4x4 inch window on WATCHFREEMOVIES.com. To put it simply, if this was a spaghetti dinner, and if I had a possible five meatballs to put on my dish, I would probably cut one into fourths, then put four meatballs, and that quarter onto my plate. Giving me a total of four meatballs



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Time Machine: by Franny Zupancic

This Week in Music History

Green Day - Dookie (February, 1994)

Green Day's major label debut, "Dookie," was released in 1994 and remains their best-selling album to-date. It was a mainstream, radio-friendly (some songs) modern punk album that pleased critics but alienated the loyal punk communities. It was Green Day's "sell-out" album

sales, and a Grammy Award for best alternative album, Dookie is an album that is synonymous with the early 90's era of popular punk

Green Day's most recent album was titled "Stop Drop and Roll!!!!" Their next album as Green Day, "21st Century Breakdown," will be

released in May.

Following the rock-opera format of 2004's "American Idiot," the album is said to be political and religious, and its lyrical content will alarm retailers. Green Day's inspirations for this album

include The Beatles, The Who, Bob Dylan, and Bruce Springsteen.

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EDITOR'S DESK



Ah spring is finally here! Well, it may still be 30 degrees outside but to baseball fans throughout New England, spring is here as the Red Sox are currently, as I am typing this, losing 5-2 against the Twins in the 9th inning of their first spring training game of 2009. The score doesn't matter, it's the fact that baseball is back and even though they won't play a meaningful game until early April, it's still an encouraging sign to see that spring is right around the corner.

I know it's only February but it felt like March this week with Providence College upsetting #1 Pitt. I'm really looking forward to March Madness this year because it seems like one of those years where anything can happen. There is no longer a clear cut favorite as UNC continues to struggle.

Voice meetings will now be held on Tuesday nights at 8:30p.m. in the Voice Office which is located on the second floor of Ely, directly above Jazzman's.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Song of the week: U2 - Magnificent

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Oscars more predictable than years past

Matthew Castonguay
Sports Editor

On February 22nd, the professional film industry held their most important event of the year. The 81st Academy Awards, hosted by Hugh Jackman.

This year's awards saw the first clear cut favorite film since Titanic, as Slumdog Millionaire took home eight Oscars.

Before the winners were announced, the show got off to a funny start, as host Hugh Jackman

opened with a song and dance routine in front of crude sets which hit on all the nominated films. Jackman capped the song and dance by picking Anne Hathaway out of the audience and dancing with her, pretending she was Richard Nixon.

The first Oscar awarded was for Best Actress in a Supporting role, which went to Penelope Cruz for her role in Vicky Christina Barcelona, which was no real surprise. In fact, there were no surprises on the night. Perhaps the most surprising choice was the late Heath Ledger for Best Actor in

a Supporting role. Not that it was a surprising choice, just that many people had been lobbying for him to receive the reward but were unsure if he'd take it due to the nature of the film. The Dark Knight. Ledgers finally accepted the award on the late actors behalf.

Benjamin Button took home the Academy Award for Best Achievement in Makeup as well as Visual Effects, which most people expected, since the

award, dressed as Joaquin Phoenix from his recent Late Show escapade. Stiller appeared disoriented, much like Phoenix did on Letterman and wandered around stage while Portman addressed the audience and he even went as far as to take his gum out of his mouth and stick it on the podium.

Aside from Slumdog Millionaire taking Best Picture, the other big awards, Lead Actor and Lead Actress went to

Sean Penn for his role in MILK and Kate Winslet for her role in the Reader. Penn, who won the award in 2003 for his role as Jimmy



Kate Winslet, Sean Penn, Penelope Cruz

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Markum in the Boston based Mystic River, took home his second oscar for his role as Harvey Milk, a openly homosexual California politician from the 1970's. Winslet took home her first oscar despite being nominated four times for Best Actress, dating back to 1998's role in Titanic. Winslet won for her role as Hannah Schmitz in The Reader.

All in all, the Academy Awards this year were something they haven't been in recent memory, predictable. Markum in the Boston based Mystic River, took home his second oscar for his role as Harvey Milk, a openly homosexual California politician from the 1970's. Winslet took home her first oscar despite being nominated four times for Best Actress, dating back to 1998's role in Titanic. Winslet won for her role as Hannah Schmitz in The Reader.

One of the more interesting parts of the night came when Ben Stiller presented with Natalie Portman to present an

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Westfield plays at no. 1 seed Nichols on Saturday

Cape Cod, Mass. - Commissioner of the ECAC Rudy Keckling and the ECAC Northeast Executive Committee announced the 2009 ECAC Division III Northeast Ice Hockey League Playoffs seeds today. The quarterfinals are set to begin on Saturday, February 28.

Nichols College had a near perfect season with a 16-1-0 league record to earn the No. 1 seed in the ECAC Northeast League Playoffs. The Bison are currently ranked 14th in the NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey East Regional Poll and will face No. 8 Westfield State College in the quarterfinals on Saturday, February 28 at 7:45 p.m. First year member Westfield State won seven of its first nine games and finished the season at 11-8-4 overall and 7-7-3 in Northeast play. Nichols defeated Westfield State, 3-1, during the regular season.

Curry College, currently ranked 15th in the NCAA Division III Men's Ice Hockey East Regional Poll, finished the season with a 15-1-1 record to earn the No. 2 seed in the playoffs. The Colonels finished the year with the top-scoring offense in the league with 99 goals and 5.82 goals per game. Curry will host No. 7 Johnson & Wales University on Saturday, February 28 at 4:35 p.m. The Wildcats from Providence finished the year with an 8-7-2 league record and a 9-13-3 overall record.

Wentworth Institute of Technology earns the number three seed by way of ECAC Northeast League tie-breaking criteria head-to-head results. The Leopards defeated the University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth 4-1 on February 12. Wentworth skates into the playoffs with a 13-3-1 league record and a 16-7-1 overall record. The Leopards will host No. 6 Becker College on Sunday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m. Becker finished the season with a 9-7-1 league record and a 11-13-1 overall record.

Three-time defending champion University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth ended the season on a positive note, giving Head Coach John Rolli his 500th career victory. The Corsairs finished the season with a 13-3-1 league record and a 16-7-2 overall record. UMass Dartmouth will host No. 5 Fitchburg State College on Saturday, February 28 at 4:30 p.m. The Falcons of Fitchburg State finished the season at 9-5-3 in the league and 12-8-5 overall.

Westfield athletes earn high marks



Westfield State College student-athletes are making the grade both in the classroom and on the playing field.

For the second straight year, the Owls captured the Smith Cup, which is emblematic of the top athletics program in the Massachusetts State Athletics Conference (MASCAC). More importantly, WSC student-athletes continued to excel academically.

Following the 2008 fall semester, the cumulative grade point average of Westfield State's 464 student-athletes was a best ever 2.91. And 48 percent of the student athletes (223) earned a 3.0 or better cumulative grade point average.

Furthermore, 123 student athletes were named to the conference's All-Academic Team following the 2008 spring semester with cumulative grade point averages of 3.2 or better, an increase over the previous year when 119 earned conference All-Academic honors.

These are remarkable numbers for the athletics program, which places a strong emphasis on recruiting quality student-athletes. The students, in particular the freshmen, also receive encouragement and guidance from the college staff.

This is accomplished by faculty progress reports, a strong academic support system, and an athletics department graduate assistant who oversees mandatory study halls for freshmen student-athletes.

Westfield State associate athletics director Nancy Bals works closely with the teams' coaches in charting study hall hours and collecting progress reports.

"The goal is to help them manage their time and create time for studying during their season when their sport demands so much," said Bals.

Steve Bumdrett, an Owl baseball player who graduated this past semester, knows firsthand how important these academic assistance programs are to young student-athletes.

"The adaptation to col-

lege life, especially living in a dorm and being on my own proved to be a challenge my freshman year" said Bumdrett, who struggled academically his first year at Westfield. "Those [mandatory study halls/progress reports] definitely made me go to class and taught me how to manage my time more effectively."

The message "education comes first" is what Bals said is the "Heart of Division III Athletics." It is instilled right from the recruiting process and continues throughout their years at Westfield.

Once this message has become instilled in student-athletes, it serves to help veteran players motivate the team's underclassmen.

"Young players see their teammates going to the library or watch them study on the bus rides," Westfield State field hockey head coach Heather Cabral said. "Sometimes veteran student-athletes are more influential than coaches."

Even as coaches and peers play a huge role in nurturing successful student-athletes, the main emphasis that academics come first starts at the top.

"Dick Lenfest, the [Westfield State] athletics director, supports the program and has high expectations. That message filters its way down to the students," said Bals.

"We strive to have the student-athlete take full ownership of their responsibilities by using the formula 'study halls plus academic advising plus progress reports equals academic success,'" said Lenfest.

A student-athlete who truly excelled was senior Drew Soltysiak, a 2008 Westfield State graduate. An All America javelin thrower for the Owls' track and field team, Soltysiak was named the MASCAC's male scholar-athlete of the year.

This award is given annually to male and female senior athletes who excel academically and athletically. Soltysiak earned a 3.39 cumulative grade point average as a

movement science major.

Athletically, he excelled by placing third at the 2008 NCAA Division III track and field championships.

Soltysiak achieved these outstanding accomplishments through a lot of hard work and time management.

"I always made sure to schedule time to not only train but also to study and make sure to stick to that schedule each week," said Soltysiak.

Soltysiak acknowledged that while he really wanted to make himself one of the top javelin competitors in the country, academics came first.

"I knew that my career would not be in track and field, but rather in my [movement science] major," he said.

With Soltysiak's crowning as scholar-athlete of the year, he joins the 12 other Westfield State recipients, the most in the eight-team conference.

Cabral was the recipient of the MASCAC scholar-athlete award in 1992. She tries to pass on techniques for success she used as a student to the women she now leads on the field.

"I try to make it clear that they are here to get a good education. Education opens doors and opportunities in life," Cabral said.

Lenfest and the rest of the Westfield State athletics department are not resting on their laurels. The department will continue to work towards integrating athletics with student and academic affairs. In conjunction with Westfield State faculty athletics representative Dr. Diana Schwartz, athletics will work to establish a faculty/mentor program. The program will aid in academic advising for student-athletes.

"This program would provide student-athletes with support and someone to answer questions as well as provide students with faculty members that they will know and trust to help facilitate academic success," said Lenfest.

Woods returns to PGA

Chuck Culpepper
Los Angeles Times

MARANA, ARIZ. - Tiger Woods showed so much rust in his return today after an eight-month layoff that he birdied No. 1 and eagled No. 2, going 2-up on Australia's Brendan Jones in the Accenture World Match Play.

Jones steadied and halved the next four holes and won No. 7 to halve the lead, but Woods forged back ahead and led 2-up after nine holes.

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In Match 29 of the day's 32 matches, beginning shortly after noon, Woods came up a walkway that seemed about eight months long, appearing at No. 1 to consoling cheers. The cheers repeated upon the introductions for both himself and Jones, the world's No. 64 player, until the starter announced, "Mr. Woods has the honors; play away, please."

Woods ripped an opening drive 301 yards to the right edge of the fairway, then approached from 166 yards to five feet before knocking in the birdie putt. He then approached from 236 yards on the par-5 No. 2, landing it five feet from the cup and wreaking a roar that ringed the green.

Jones finally cut into the lead when Woods couldn't get up-and-down from just shy of the green on No. 7, but Woods compensated on par-5 No. 8 when he drained a seven-footer for birdie.

Making golf balls behave on greens proved difficult, as some players reported unusual firmness even after some overnight waiting. Asked if he had seen similar greens on the planet, Camilo Villegas said, "Nope." Villegas joined Anthony Kim and Phil Mickelson among early winners.

Woods had not played competitive golf since June 16, a Monday, when he edged Rocco Mediate in a 19-hole playoff for the U.S. Open title. He had surgery on his left knee to repair an anterior cruciate ligament on June 24.

Owls' StandingsMen's Basketball

MASCAC Conference

as of 2/25/09

Salem St.	20-5(10-2)
Bridgewater St.	18-6(10-2)
Westfield St.	18-8(9-3)
Framingham St.	15-11(6-6)
Worcester St.	12-14(5-7)
Fitchburg St.	8-16(2-10)
MCLA	1-24(0-12)

Upcoming games:

(home games in bold)

MASCAS TOURN.

2/26 FITCHBURG

Women's Basketball

MASCAC Conference

as of 2/11/09

Westfield St.	20-4(11-1)
Fitchburg St.	16-9(9-3)
Bridgewater St.	14-11(7-5)
Worcester St.	10-16(5-7)
MCLA	14-12(4-8)
Salem St.	10-16(4-8)
Framingham St.	8-17(2-10)

Upcoming Games:

(home games in bold)

MASCAC TOURN.

2/27 WORCESTER

Men's Ice Hockey

MASCAC Conference

as of 2/11/09

Salem St.	14-8-2(3-0-1)
Fitchburg St.	12-8-5(1-0-3)
Westfield St.	11-8-4(2-1-1)
Worcester St.	6-15-3(0-2-2)
Fram St.	0-21-4(0-3-1)

Upcoming Games:

(home games in bold)

ECAC NE Tournament

2/28 NICHOLS

Westfield outscores Fitchburg, 91-86

WESTFIELD, Mass. — Juniors Asa Abbott (New Paltz, N.Y.) and Brandon Maurer (Pittsfield) scored 22 and 20 points, respectively, to lead Westfield State to a 91-86 victory over Fitchburg State in the quarterfinals of the Mass. State Conference (MASCAC) postseason tournament.

Westfield, 18-8 overall and the No. 3 seed, plays at No. 2 Bridgewater State in the semifinals on Thursday at 7:00. Fitchburg finishes 8-16.

Westfield hosted Fitchburg last Saturday and posted a 75-59 triumph in the regular season finale. The tournament game was much more competitive, there were 19 lead changes before the Owls began pulling away midway thru the second half.

The long-range 3-point shooting of Abbott (3-for-7 from beyond the arc), Maurer (4-for-5) and junior

guard Kevin Knowles of Freetown (2-for-3) sparked

ing 19-for-25 in the second half).

remaining.

Fitchburg had led by a point, 50-49, at the 15:43 mark, then Westfield outscored the visitors, 26-10 over the next eight minutes.

The Owls made 14 free throws in the final 3:21 to hold off the pesky Falcons.

Fitchburg senior guard Brian Torres (North Dighton) pumped in a game-high 30 points in his final collegiate contest. Junior center Tim Graham (Arlington) added 18 points and a team-high eight rebounds.

The Falcons were 8-for-22 from 3-point range and made 14 of 15 free throws. They shot 44 percent from the floor while the Owls shot 52 percent.

Westfield senior Dave Jaehning (Quincy) compiled 10 points and team highs of nine rebounds, six assists and three.



Brandon Maurer floats thru the lane for two points. Picture Courtesy of Westfieldstateowls.com

the Owls.

The Owls finished 10-for-19 from international waters and also shot well from the free throw line (21-for-32, includ-

With Maurer, Knowles and Abbott dropping 3-balls from close to NBA range, Westfield took its biggest lead, 75-60, with 7:52

Westfield hosts MASCAC tournament
Owls' semifinals game set for 5:30 on Friday

The Westfield State College women's basketball team has earned the top seed in the 2009 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Championships and will host semi-final and championship round play on Friday and Saturday, February 27th and 28th.

Westfield State and second-seeded Fitchburg State College earned byes into the semi-finals. In Friday's 5:30 game, Westfield State hosts a hot Worcester State squad that has won six straight conference games since losing at home to Westfield State, 64-50, on Feb. 3. In Friday's 7:30 semifinals matchup, Fitchburg State plays Salem State.

The two semi-final winners will meet for the 2009 MASCAC

Championship on Saturday, February 28th at 1:00 p.m. at Westfield State's Woodward Center for the league crown as well as an automatic berth into the 2009 NCAA Division III Women's Basketball Championships.

Westfield State captured the 2008-09 MASCAC regular season title with an overall mark of 20-4, including an 11-1 conference slate, under Head Coach Andrea Bertini. and the Owls are led by senior forward Andrea Wasuk's (Lenox, Mass.) league-leading 14.9 points and 6.3 rebounds per game.

Fitchburg State, which finished 16-9 overall in the regular season and 9-3 in MASCAC play, was the only team to blemish Westfield State's league mark, as

Head Coach Walter Paschal's Falcons are led by senior forward Stephanie Payette's (Townsend, Mass.) 13.4 ppg and seven earoms per contest.

Worcester State made a late season surge under Head Coach Karen Tessmer, as the Lancers finished at 9-16 in regular season action (5-7 in the conference with three straight league triumphs) and are led by sophomore guard Alexis George's (Worcester, Mass.) 12.2 ppg.

Salem State enters the tournament with a mark of 9-16 overall (4-8 in MASCAC play) under veteran Head Coach Tim Shea, as the Vikings are led by junior center Danielle Jenkins (Marlboro, Mass.), who averages 14.2 ppg and 8.6 caroms per contest.

2009 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference Women's Basketball Championships

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH – SEMI-FINALS

(Games to be played at Woodward Center, Westfield, Mass.)
Worcester State vs. Westfield State, @5:30 pm
Salem State vs. Fitchburg State @7:30 pm

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH – CHAMPIONSHIP

(Game to be played at Woodward Center, Westfield, Mass.)
Semi-Final Winners @ 1:00 pm



Owls' forward Andrea Wasuk during the Senior Day ceremonies

GOOD LUCK TO
ALL WSC TEAMS
& ATHLETES IN
THE 2009 MASCAC
TOURNAMENTS

FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

Ok, I've had three days to recover from Sunday night, that disastrous evening I'd like to forget, for more than one reason.

I watch the Oscars every year and normally get sick of it by about 10:00p.m. Until this year, the only time I had ever stayed up until the end was to be damn sure The Departed won Best Picture in 2007, other than that, I've crapped out around 10:00-10:30, trading disappointment over who wins and who gets snubbed for an extra hour of sleep.

This year, I decided to do something different, something fun. My buddy, we'll call him Toby Flenderson (at his request) and I decided to put some money we didn't have on the Awards this year, \$10 a category. Most of the categories were just the two of us guessing but while it was happening, it certainly made the show more fun. I mean, with money on the Awards, things like Best Sound Design (no offense to the Hard-working sound designers out there)

Best Foreign Film or Best Animated Short, become surprisingly interesting. I've never before rooted for a French film I'd never seen or heard about until I stood to win \$10 on its winning. There is nothing more exhilarating than putting money on something you have no idea about.

At the end of the night, I was \$10 in the hole, so it wasn't too bad. It ended up pretty close after all that guessing, which made the night even more disappointing. Having seen Slumdog Millionaire and not feeling it was anywhere near as stellar as the academy apparently felt it was on top of now being in debt to Toby Flenderson made the night less than enjoyable.

Well, there were parts that were enjoyable. I was pleasantly surprised by how thoroughly entertaining Hugh Jackman was as the host. I was impressed with how charismatic Wolverine could be when given the opportunity to be funny. Ben Stiller staring aimlessly at the nominee videos dressed as

Hollywood's newest flake. Joaquin Phoenix was priceless but perhaps the best part of the night was the Seth Rogan/ James Franco video clip with them watching clips of all the years films. James Franco putting his arm around a visibly uncomfortable Seth Rogan while watching the clip of him kissing Sean Penn in Milk was laugh out loud funny. It made me forget briefly that I was gambling away money I didn't have to make the pre-determined award show more enjoyable.

I can't really blame the Academy though. Recently, there choices for Best Picture have been great. Not to mention, The Departed was such a terrific man film with all that killing and cursing and was one of the few "perfect" movies. I hate to say it, but I find it difficult to believe that this years field was so slim that Slumdog was the runaway success it was. If you were to take the last five Best Picture winners, Crash, The Departed, Slumdog Millionaire, No Country for Old Men and Million Dollar

Baby, and they all basically take Slumdog to the woodshed. So perhaps its not out of line to claim that Slumdogs' saving grace was that it came out this year and not anywhere in the past 10 years.

Anyway, I need to stop talking about the Oscars. This years awards left me more frustrated than the fact that Golf Digest put out Paula Creamer calendar that is only available in Japan. I've never wished to live in Japan until I found that out. I am truly jealous.

Alright folks, I've had enough this week. I'll be honest, I'm not sure what's going on here next week as I will be playing Doral and tak-

ing in a few Spring Training games in Florida while you're enjoying the monotonous, "sheer damn drudgery" of school and the lovely, less than tropical climate of Westfield, MA. Perhaps, the Voice will run a Cheap Seats classic or perhaps I'll do the right thing and think about you readers while I'm drinking some hard alcohol on a beach and type up something nice about my round at Doral. Who knows? Until next time sports fans...



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Sean Penn in 'MILK' photo courtesy of mil

Round Table: What are your favorite sports movies?



Colby Henderson



Jeff Dale



Matthew Castonguay



Patrick Dayton



Dan Swartz

1. Field of Dreams
2. Rocky (I-IV)
3. Happy Gilmore



1. Field of Dreams
2. Raging Bull
3. Rocky IV



1. Bull Durham
2. Raging Bull
3. Hoosiers



1. Field of Dreams
2. Slapshot
3. For the Love of the Game



1. Field of Dreams
2. D2 Mighty Ducks
3. Remember The Titans



Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

Your chart energy is totally geared toward leading you to where you can do what is needed to prepare for your future. There is a deep psychic awareness that goes along with this transit. This is when you must trust your gut instincts. Deep personal and romantic feelings may rise to the surface.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

Your chart indicates there can be moments of sensory overload. This is when your mind just cannot handle any additional thoughts or insights as they are flowing in faster than they can be processed. Pay attention as much as you can, but make sure you are giving your body the rest needed to recharge when needed.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

Your chart energy is nearly perfect this week. Try to accomplish as much as possible. This transit will show off your talents and abilities to others. Your personality shines the brightest and others are radically attracted to you. So speak directly from the heart and soul.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

Your week starts under a lot of powerful emotional and psychic energy. This deeper awareness can give you clear and precise insights into what is really going on and what is likely to happen in the future. Get up and get busy while the planets are favoring your actions.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

This energy will try to pull you in many different directions. It's very important for you to understand that as long as you maintain your natural balance, everything will have a way of working out in your favor.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

The biggest thing to keep in mind this week is that the universe isn't going to allow you to continue moving forward in a business as usual kind of way. Issues will pop up that make you use your talents to the best of their ability.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

Your chart indicates this can be the start of a tremendous new professional/career cycle. You'll find the restrictions and obstacles that have held you back in the past are all being removed. This allows you the freedom to pursue your dreams with your full force.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

Your chart energy is full of passion and an earthy sensuality that will rise to the surface. This transit has a way of waking up every cell of your body and filling you with a fresh excitement and a new motivation to take on your hopes, dreams and wishes.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 23)

There may be serious and personal temptations that you'll need to overcome. You can expect all the right reasons and excuses to take the easy way out or to make lousy decisions you might later regret. Focus on personal excellence and allow nothing to turn your mood or attitude negative.

Libra

(September 24 - October 23)

A certain level of detachment is needed this week. Your chart indicates you need to adhere to the absolute letter of the law in all the agreements or commitments you have made. In many cases, you can find others might let you down, but this will also open the door to open new doors of opportunity.

Scorpio

(October 24 - November 22)

This week's chart gives you extreme mental powers of clarity and understanding. This is when everything suddenly starts to make sense and you can see how everything really fits together. This heavy mental activity has a way of draining your energy, so be sure to get the rest and relaxation you need.

Sagittarius

(November 21 - December 23)

Your week is designed to be light and lively, but at the same time there are serious decisions that need to be made. You are being asked to assume the leadership responsibilities. New romances are very likely to appear at this time.

*Horoscopes by weeklyhoroscopes.com

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Katrina Powell, The College Chef

White Tomato Chicken with Cheese Tortellini

2 eggs
2 medium sized chicken breasts
2 cups breadcrumbs
Lemon Pepper seasoning
Garlic Powder
2 tablespoons butter
2 cups Alfredo sauce
1 medium sized red tomato
1 bag cheese tortellini
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Bring three cups of water to a boil in a large pot. Add the tortellini. Meanwhile, beat two eggs in a large bowl. Spread the breadcrumbs on a plate. Take each piece of chicken and coat in egg, then place in breadcrumbs. Make sure that each piece of chicken is evenly coated

with breadcrumbs. In a large frying pan coated with butter, heat the chicken over a medium flame. Cook for approximately 7 minutes on each side. In a small pot, bring the Alfredo sauce to a boil. When the tortellini is tender, drain the water from the pot and continue to heat over a low flame. Add in half of the Alfredo sauce, the butter and mozzarella cheese. Stir continuously until the mixture is evenly spread. When both sides of the chicken are golden brown, add the garlic powder, lemon pepper seasoning, and salt and pepper to taste. Take the tomato, after washing, and dice into very small pieces. Remove the chicken from the frying pan and place on a plate. Pour the remaining half of the heated Alfredo sauce onto each piece of chicken. Sprinkle the diced tomatoes on top. Remove the tortellini from pot, and add garlic powder, salt and pepper to taste.








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Spring break in two weeks



Still two more weeks until spring break

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Mon 3/2	High 35 Low 23 	Few Snow Showers 30% Chance of Prec.
Tue 3/3	High 39 Low 21 	Mostly Cloudy 10% Chance of Prec.
Wed 3/4	High 40 Low 25 	Snow Showers 40% Chance of Prec.
Thu 3/5	High 42 Low 29 	Mostly Sunny 10% Chance of Prec.

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Sunday 1:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

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WSC's "As Schools Match Wits" international award

Craig Phelon
Special Contributor

America's longest-running high school television quiz show has won a Platinum Best of Show Aurora Award. As Schools Match Wits, on air since 1961, received top honors in the children/youth entertainment category. The program is produced by Westfield State College with a crew of communication students, and airs on Public Broadcast Service member station WGBY-TV57 in Springfield, Mass.

As Schools Match Wits producer Tony Dunne expressed his

appreciation for the award. "We work very hard each week to provide a great showcase for the best and brightest high school students western New England has to offer, and to have that recognized by our peers in the television industry is wonderful," he said. "Winning the 2008 Platinum Best of Show Aurora Award is an incredible honor."

"The college is very proud of the dedication and creativity of our communication students and faculty," said Evan S. Dobelle, president of Westfield State College. "The quality of their work is clearly evident in winning this international award."

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Westfield State College spent over a quarter of a million dollars for furniture this past year, and was awarded by Riverbed Furniture for being their biggest customers.

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-Photo courtesy of Craig Phelon

Study in China on Westfield State tuition



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Christina Razonale
International Programs Reporter

New international travel opportunities have been arising for us students here at Westfield State College. Starting this coming fall a brand new exchange program will be starting up in which students from two institutions in China, Capital Normal University and United International College will be exchanged with students from Westfield State.

The amazing thing about this program is that studying abroad for the semester in China will cost you the same as it would to attend Westfield for the semester. This past Tuesday a

general interest meeting was held by Robert Hayes, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Hayes started off the meeting by lending some information as to why the leaders of our international programs feel it is so important for us to become familiar with the Chinese culture. China is a rapidly growing industrial and commercial power and is expected to be the world's next economic superpower by at least the year 2030. Not only is it the fastest growing civilization on earth inhabiting 1.3 billion citizens, it is the oldest civilization on earth. With their explosion of industry also comes their ever-growing appetite for raw materials. However along with

their amazing strides in international business they have also been making changes to be more environmentally conscious. China's expansion is so huge it is being described as the second industrial revolution. Hayes explained "...we feel it is so important for our students to engage in China and their culture and industry because of their prominence in our future."

Another speaker who added to the discussion Tuesday night was an alumni and trustee of Westfield State, Kevin Queenin. Kevin runs a very successful business with stations all over the globe and has extensive business relations with China.

"It is vital to understand

that we are living in a world economy," Queenin said.

He also said, cross-cultural business relations expanded his business to levels he never thought could be possible.

"Your in the right place, at the right time," Queenin said, encouraging students in engage relations with China.

There are two institutions that Westfield students can choose from. The first is Capital Normal University that was established in 1954. It is located in Beijing, which is approximately five times the size of New York City and it's suburbs.

CNU houses 1300 students from around the world in modern hotel like residential buildings. They contain a grocery store, two eateries, library, gym, vast computer networking system and a concierge service to help organize trips, buy plane tickets, etc.

Along with its many amenities, its professors are experienced at teaching international students, and have one of the best Chinese learning environments.

The second institution of choice, United International College, is more rural located just a 70 minute ferry ride from

Hong Kong in Zhuhai. As opposed to CNU, UIC's classes are all conducted in English and it is a liberal arts college about the size of Westfield State.

UIC is a brand new institution, established in 2004 with new and modern campus buildings. In either case students will experience a new culture, a new language and establish long lasting relationships and friendships with people from all over the globe.

While final details are still being arranged, such as specific prices or credit transfers, international program leaders hope to have about 50 international students here on campus in the fall and hopefully expand that number to about 400 in the future.

As one of our own alumni reiterated time and again "we're in the right place at the right time" to begin relations with countries like China that will aid us in our future with this emerging superpower.

If you are interested in this program or want more information contact Cynthia Siegler or stop in to the Office of International Programs and all your questions will be answered.

Useful Phone Numbers:

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Student of the Week



Stats: Sarah Grella, 19, sophomore, Canton, Mass.

Major: Music

If you could have any superpower what would it be?
The ability to read people's minds cuz people be confusing.

What do you want to do when you graduate?

I want to be able to pay my bills and also be able to sing as often as I can.

If you could have one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

I could sooner choose a favorite star among the heavens than choose a favorite meal.

What was the last movie you saw in theaters?
Slumdog Millionaire

If you had the opportunity to see any band/singer in concert, who would it be?
Bob Dylan in the 60's

What has been your favorite experience at WSC?
Besides being Student of the Week, being a member of the Night Owls Yo! hoot hoot!

If you want to be Student of the Week, email
thevoice@wsc.ma.edu

Biofuels: Better Than The Other Kind

Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

Last week we looked at biomass and how it can be used as an alternative energy source. Toward the end of the article I mentioned biofuels then craftily closed things out by telling you there would be more about that this week (always leave them wanting more, right?). Well, as promised biofuels will be the topic of discussion this time. First and foremost, let me start by saying that biofuels are better than that other kind. You guys know what I'm talking about: fossil fuels. Yes, fossil fuels are evil—at least that is what you have been programmed to think. And rightfully so, because carbon dioxide, methane, and all their friends aren't very nice to our atmosphere or the earth's inhabitants. But it's okay, biofuels are here to save the day.

Biofuels are another offshoot of biomass, similarly to "biogas." The main difference that distinguishes them from fossil fuels is that biofuels are made from recently dead biological material, not long dead (and haz-

ardous) material. Biofuels can be derived from any carbon source, but the most used sources are from plants, especially specific crops that are used for agrofuels. Agrofuels are the type of biofuel that are used to power vehicles and are produced two ways: either from crops that are high in sugar (sugar cane, sugar beet) or starch (corn) or from those with high amounts of vegetable oil (oil palm, soybean, even algae). When heated, these oils can be burned directly in a diesel engine or turned into fuels like biodiesel.

Biodiesel is very similar to regular (mineral)fossil diesel. Oils are mixed with sodium hydroxide and methanol to induce a chemical reaction that produces the biodiesel. It can be used in vehicle engines as long as it is mixed with regular diesel (most vehicle manufacturers put a 15% biodiesel/85% mineral diesel limit on their engines) and is very popular in Europe. The cleanest diesel fuel, pure biodiesel (B100), usually requires a special engine to run on, but most vehicles with diesel engines from 1994 on are compatible with biodiesel. It is an

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oxygenated fuel as well, meaning that it contains a reduced amount of carbon and higher amounts of hydrogen and oxygen; this reduces particulate emissions and improves the combustion of fossil diesel.

Vegetable oil is commonly processed into biodiesel but can also be used as fuel on its own by cleaning it of water and particulates. This use of vegetable oil is very rare, mostly because the oil has to be heated in order to run the engine—making it a less than favorable source of fuel in cooler climates. An interesting type of biofuel is

biobutanol (also known as biogasoline), which is regarded as the eventual replacement of gasoline because it can be used directly in a gas engine. It is predicted that butanol can create more energy than regular gasoline and companies like DuPont and BP are working together to develop it.

That all sounds great, but I know what you're wondering. Where's the ethanol? Well, I don't want to take up all the space in the newspaper so I'm going to keep you guys hanging again. Next week we'll learn about ethanol. Stay tuned.



GARY MULE DEER

Tuesday,
March 24, 2009
Woodward Center
6:00 pm Reception
7:00 pm Program

WSC Speaker Series Presents:

Gary Mule Deer,

whose unique comedy and music have set him apart as one-of-a-kind, has performed on every major concert stage in the country. He has made over 350 television appearances, including many on both the Tonight Show and The Late Show with David Letterman. He was one of six comedians, along with Jay Leno, to star on the very first HBO Comedy special, was the co-host of Don Kirschner's Rock Concert for four years on NBC and a regular on Make Me Laugh. He is currently featured on the DVDs

"Jeff Foxworthy's Comedy Classics" and "The World's Greatest Stand-up Comedy Collection" hosted by Norm Crosby.

Bob Goen of

Entertainment Tonight has said of Gary Mule Deer, "This guy has got to be the funniest man on the planet." An equally great singer and musician, he has been singing the music of Johnny Cash in his show for four decades. Gary has a music CD, "Six Days On The Road," with his Duck and Cover Band and some of Nashville's greatest musicians, including guitar great Steve

Wariner and bluegrass legend Dan Tyminski. He also has a "Gary Mule Deer Live" CD of his comedy and music. Gary is currently one of the most played comedians on the Clean Comedy Channels of both Sirius and XM Satellite Radio.

Will Ferrell was asked by Dan Patrick at ESPN Magazine, "It's the seventh game, ninth inning of the World Series of Comedy. You have to pick a comedian to put on the mound." Will's answer was Gary Mule Deer.

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All Letters to the Editor must be signed with your year and phone number if you are a student and department if you are a faculty member or administrator.

The Voice will print some letters anonymously, but your name must be listed on the original letter (you must note that you do not want your name listed because we must speak to you personally to confirm the letter).

The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be dropped off at The Voice office in Ely Campus Center, room C-248, no later than 6 p.m. on the Monday before anticipated publication date.

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The Aurora Awards is an international competition designed to recognize excellence in the film and video industries and targets non-national commercials, regional or special interest entertainment, and corporate-sponsored film and video. Competitors are judged by panels of working film and video professionals from major United States cities. Programs are judged on in the areas of creativity, message effectiveness, and technical excellence.

"The award is a testament to the hard work that students at the college put into producing the program each week," Elizabeth Preston, executive producer and Westfield State dean of faculty, said.

As Schools Match Wits is popular throughout western Massachusetts and northern Connecticut, with two teams from area schools competing each show. The program was

created by Westfield State alum-nus Leonard J. Collamore and originally aired on WWLP in Springfield from 1961 to until 2006.

The program was threatened with cancellation in September 2006, but WWLP, WGBY and Westfield State College collaborated to keep the program on the air. The show was licensed to the college and returned for a 46th season in January 2007 as a co-production of the Westfield State and WGBY.

The program is celebrating its 48th season this year, with a record 50 high schools competing for the championship. The program airs at 7 p.m. on Saturday evenings on WGBY.



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Health Fair "Be Healthy Fit & Fine in 2009"

March 11, 2009, Ely Campus Center Lounge, 10AM to 2PM

Many free samples, Denise Heywood Licensed Massage Therapist-massage \$1/minute, Weightwatchers raffle for a cookbook, Simply Skin (a new Westfield business), Isagenix, Noble Hospital Blood Donor Services (sign up to donate-blood donated stays in our greater Westfield Community and doesn't have to be purchased by the hospital from the American Red Cross), Noble Hospital Sports & Rehab, Noble Hospital Pulmonary Dept., Noble Hospital Visiting Nurses and Hospice, Court St. Family Dentistry (sign up for an appointment), American Lung Association, Ben

Adams HIV/AIDS Coordinator for the City of Springfield Dept. of Health & Human Services, Costco, Pepsi, WSC Counseling Center, Alcohol Choices Education, One Voice Foundation, Life Donor Services, American Red Cross, Women's Shelter Companers, Westfield Water Sports & Wilderness Experience, Hampden Custom Vision, Tapestry Health Systems, New Beginnings, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Moore Medical Corp. (hand sanitizer samples), WSC Wellness Center, Traveler ER (purchase a small flash drive to record your health information), Tekoa Mountain Coffee Roasters etc., etc.

Quick Hits

- Advising will begin on March 2nd and go until March 27th
- Housing sign ups will be held in Parenzo Gym
- WCS applied for 54 grants from Obama's Stimulus Package
- The Dining Commons will be going "tray free" in the fall.
- '96 was the last time Westfield States woman's basketball was in the NCAA playoffs
- Jon Paulmann is stepping down as the communications department chair and Susan Leggett is taking his spot.
- Peter Byrne live at The Perch tonight. 21+
- Donate your dresses to The Cinderella Project. March 7 at the Westfield YMCA.
- Scott Maloney speaks to WSC students and faculty. March 10, Woodward Center.
- Daylight savings goes ahead Saturday night.

Riverbend Furniture thanks Westfield State

Riverbend Furniture, a program of the Center for Human Development of Springfield, recently awarded Westfield State College its appreciation award for being its largest customer.

"Westfield State was one of our first higher education customers and last year our largest customer in all market segments," said J.J. Green, director for sales and marketing for Riverbend. "Our customer appreciation award is our way of publicly thanking the college for support of our program."

Westfield State College's support enables Riverbend to fulfill its mission of providing meaningful work for people with disabilities.

During renovations of residence halls, classrooms, office space, the Ely Campus Center and other various campus improvement projects last year, the college ordered \$370,000 in Riverbend Furniture.

"The college is very happy to have found not only a local company that makes top-quality furniture, but also a company with a special humanitarian mission, as well," said Evan S. Dobelle, president of Westfield State College.

Riverbend Furniture, founded in 1983, is a program for the Center for Human Development (CHD). Riverbend Furniture's main mission is to provide employment for individuals with

mental illnesses, while training them to produce high-quality furniture. Frank Dailey, director of operations at Riverbend, said 65 percent of the company's employees were referred by the state Department of Mental Health.

Westfield State has been instrumental in helping the company grow and expand its training and services. The company began making furniture for the human services industry; now it sells to higher educational institutions, hospitals and healthcare agencies as well as private industry.

The Center of Human Development (CHD) consists of more than 50 human service programs, some of which

date back to 1877. Its philosophy and history center on helping people in communities throughout Western Massachusetts and Northwestern Connecticut.

CHD serves more than 6,000 clients annually. In 2008, its more than 1,100 dedicated staff advanced the mission of providing a broad range of high quality and vital support services for foster babies and children, homeless children and their families, troubled youth, people with psychiatric, mental and developmental disabilities, the elderly and those leaving incarceration, all of which improve the quality of our communities. For more information visit www.chd.org.

WSC and Pittsfield's Colonial Theatre offer 'A Celebration of Music'

The historic Colonial Theatre in Pittsfield will offer "A Celebration of Music with Westfield State College" featuring a variety of musical groups from the college on Sunday, March 8. A reception is scheduled from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., with a performance from 3:30 to 5 p.m. The event is free and open to the public.

"Westfield State is looking forward to our musical mission to Pittsfield and the college is grateful to the Colonial Theatre for providing a beautiful venue," said Evan S. Dobelle, president of

Westfield State College.

"This should be an enjoyable opportunity to strengthen the ties between the college and the Berkshire community,"

Dobelle, a former mayor of Pittsfield, and his wife, Kit, are well known in the area for their contributions to the community.

The first half of the concert will begin with the Westfield State College Choral directed by Theodore Davidovich, followed by a vocal/piano duet and the Westfield State College Big Band, directed by Edward Orgill.

The college Jazz Combo directed by James Argiro will perform in the lobby during the reception. A classical guitar duo will entertain during intermission.

The second half will begin with the college's String Ensemble with Sonya Lawson directing. The concert will conclude with the college Wind Symphony directed by Karen LaVoie.

There are seven students from the Berkshires among the performers: Cassandra Brunelle and Alison Delphia, graduates of Taconic High School in

Pittsfield; Stephanie Burdick, graduate of Drury High School in North Adams; Emily Duff from Becket, who graduated from Miss Halls School in Pittsfield; Kathleen Friend, graduate from Lenox Hill; Robert Tatten, a Hoosac Valley graduate from Savoy; and Asa Vinasse, a Monument Mountain Regional High School graduate from Housatonic.

For more information, contact Nancy Noonan Witkowski, Berkshire County Liaison for Westfield State College, at (413) 822-2639 - Craig Phelon

Drinking age should be lowered

In order to enlist into the United States Army, you have to be at least 17. When you turn 18 years old, you can be tried as an adult in the court of law. In fact, you're considered an adult at the age of eighteen. So why is it that an adult has to wait another three years before they can have an alcoholic beverage? The concept seems a bit ridiculous. If people under 21 are allowed to fight for their country, shouldn't they also be allowed to have a drink?

As of right now, the minimum legal drinking age (MLDA) in the United States of America is 21 years old. This was changed from various ages (ranging from 18 to 21 years old) to 21 in 1984 because of the Uniform Drinking Age Act. Any states that didn't take part in the act would receive reduced federal transportation funds.

Since 1984, some people's minds have changed regarding how old someone should be before they're allowed to drink. A group of these people are chancellors and presidents of colleges and universities in the United States who created the Amethyst Initiative in July of 2008. According to AmethystInitiative.org, "these higher education leaders have signed their names to a public statement that the problem of irresponsible drinking by young people continues despite the minimum legal

drinking age of 21..." These men and women feel that "21 is not working" and this may lead to risks, such as binge drinking, amongst college and university students all over the country. There are currently 134 signatures for the Initiative.

Lowering the drinking age most likely wouldn't create a generation of crazed and irresponsible young people, drinking heavily and getting intoxicated nightly. While some may take the change for granted, others would most likely respond to it the same way they would when turning 21. This is due in large part to the fact that young people are more educated about alcohol nowadays. With drug and alcohol prevention programs in middle schools and high schools, knowledge about alcohol and substance abuse is plentiful.

Another question is what makes young people in the United States so different from young people in other countries? According from research done by Dr. David J. Hanson, a professor of Sociology from SUNY Postdam, there are forty three countries where the MLDA is 18 years old and ten that have no MLDA at all. What differentiates the youth in these countries from the youth of America? In some nations, such as Ireland and France, it's custom for young people and even children to have wine accompanying meals with their families. This could be considered a way to teach young people how to drink

responsibly, which is basically what waiting until a person is 21 is supposed to do. As if through some form of osmosis, a person will suddenly learn their limits and how to drink responsibly when they turn a certain age. This seems highly unlikely.

An opponent to lowering the MLDA may cite documents, such as the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's fact sheet, that states that "in 1998, 42 percent of 18- to 20-year-old crash fatalities were alcohol-related." While these facts are true, they're focused on 1998. That's over ten years ago and those same numbers may not be relevant today. Young people are more educated about the risks of drinking and driving from groups such as SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) and MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving). High schools around the country also have events, especially around prom and graduation season, that highlight the dangers of drunk driving, such as mock car accidents.

Though 21 years old is the minimum age that one can drink in the United States, that doesn't mean it's the age that a person is responsible or mature enough to drink. So while at eighteen you can vote on who should lead the country, you'll still have to wait another three years before you can have a glass of champagne to celebrate.

EDITOR'S DESK



The semester is half over. I don't know about the rest of you clowns, but I'm ready to graduate. After working for free all semester, getting a job will be a nice change of pace.

Oh wait, there are no jobs. Well, at least I won't have to take arbitrary quizzes anymore.

Speaking of working for free, The Voice needs writers and editors for next semester. Email us or stop by Monday through Wednesday if you're interested.

Since I'm feeling uninspired* this week, I've decided to bring back my riddle tradition.

Let's see if I can stump some fools!

I am that which is hunted, and this panes me. Do you dig, Stone?

What am I?

*Uninspired, aka I am trying to get out of this office and go for a run before the Wellness Center closes.

Don't be stifled and all that jazz.

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The Freshmen Experience

By Mary Cafferty



As winter draws to a close (and it is drawing to a close, even though it feels like stepping into a freezer outside and the campus green is covered in an unbroken sheet of snow), the possibility for future snow days is undoubtedly limited. However, while there is the possibility – even the slightest possibility – for future snow days, I feel it appropriate to leave you all with another list of ten things.

Ten ways to utilize a snow day (apart from sleeping for an absurd amount of time; that's a given):

(one.) The most obvious way to spend a snow day is with the age-old movie marathon. The nerdier, the better. I have personal experience with "Star Wars" and "Back to the Future," and I can tell you that there is nothing better in this world than geeking out for nine straight hours to timeless classics.

(two.) Sledding. The lunch trays are optional.

(three.) Slowing it down a little bit, I think there is nothing more beautiful than a long patch of unbroken snow. So go for a walk and see the beauty in the storm.

(four.) Snowmen are not just for four-year-olds, I promise. So build one! Or if you want to take it a step or two further, build an entire snow family! And a snow house. And a snow cat and dog, too, while you're at it.

(five.) Snowball fights, of course. Just be careful. Snowball fights are always great fun until somebody gets hit in the face. Then it's either hilarious or horrible, depending on whose face it is.

(six.) Bake. Cookies, brownies, bread – doesn't matter. There's just something charming about a warm kitchen when there's snow on

the ground outside.

(seven.) Play RISK. Have any of you ever played RISK before? Those that have will know exactly what I'm talking about when I say that RISK is a day-long activity, if not more, making it a perfect way to use up a snow day. Just try not to get stuck in Australia. I always get stuck in Australia.

(eight.) Read a book. I know, who reads books anymore? But, I promise, they might prove to be a pleasant surprise.

(nine.) Sleep. Sleep. Sleep. Sleep.

(ten.) Can we be honest here for a minute? Snow days are not snow days unless they involve hot chocolate. Hot chocolate has been essential to the magic of getting to stay home from school since we were all five years old. So don't deny yourself – drink some!

Weekly Voice Meeting

Interested in writing for the school paper?

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EDITOR'S DESK



The greatest thing about being a journalist in today's age is that anyone can be one. Some people may think this is what brings my future career choice down, but I think differently.

While papers struggle to stay alive and people complain about the continued lack of quality journalism people forget this is what our fore fathers wanted. The corner stone of a good democracy is the freedom of speech. With blogging, message boards and twittering, freedom of speech is at all-time high. A phrase the Stock Market would like to hear.

The last form does kind of confuse me though, because I don't know if the forefathers envisioned a world where people's random thoughts became news.

During President Obama's State of the Union address, many congressman and senators were in fact twittering.

I feel weird because when I text my friends in class, and get yelled at by my professor, I keep thinking: "So government officials can do this, but I can't?"

What is the difference? Is there any?

There's one thing I know for sure. By the time The Net Generation comes to power, there won't be any secrets in Washington.

Considering the way the last eight years have gone, I think that's a good thing.

Until next week... peace everybody...

Jeff Dale
Editor-At-Large



What was to be a typical Friday night on his college campus turned into a nightmare...

On Sep. 18, 2004, Scott Maloney's life was changed forever...

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Tales from J-Term

Angela Bunt
Managing Editor

Most Italy-bound travelers flock to the country hoping to get a taste of the nation's famed cuisine. Debrah Silverman, however, was not one of those travelers.

"I keep slightly kosher. I don't eat any pork, I don't drink milk with my meals. So it was really hard."

The 20-year-old junior, from Stoughton, Mass., majors in journalism and has recently joined the staff of The Westfield Voice. Silverman said she heard about J-Term through an email from Prof. Paulmann who referred her to Cynthia Siegler. Siegler, director of International Programs, gave her more information on how to sign up.

The Italy trip boasted a 300-level course, Emperors and Gladiators, which was taught by history professor Mark Abate.

"We did a lot with the coliseum and how the gladiators used to fight, and who could be a gladiator and who couldn't," said Silverman.

Silverman said they also learned an extensive amount about Mt. Vesuvius, an active stratovolcano in east Naples. "It's a volcano that erupted and killed a bunch of people. Kind of ironic because people still live underneath it even though it's going to erupt again," said Silverman. "We really focused on that because a lot of emperors were involved."

Silverman, who has



A Jewish girl wanting to see the Vatican? Why not?

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"done the whole out of the country thing," said she didn't experience much of a culture shock on her trip, save for the aggressiveness of some of the males (she and a friend were once followed outside of a club by a strange man.)

"There was lots of begging in Italy everywhere you go, especially on church doorsteps. They [homeless people] would be down on their knees and people would think they were praying, but they were really just begging for money. They thought if it looked like they were praying people would give them more money."

Silverman said everybody was of legal drinking age, so the group was able to experience Italian nightlife. The students also swam in the Mediterranean Sea and did some shopping.

Silverman, who is

Jewish, did have to make some adjustments to her diet during the trip.

"They eat a lot of fish, a lot a lot a lot of pork, so I was stuck eating a lot of vegetarian meals," Silverman said. "The food that was outside on the street was the best."

Silverman said that the open-faced pizzerias sold personal sized pizzas with thick crusts, and the pizzas available in restaurants were dinner-plate sized with thin crusts. "The pizza was really good," she said.

Silverman said she saw one synagogue in Florence, and the group took an overnight fairy from Sicily back to Naples, but said her favorite thing about the experience was the trip to Rome.

"I really wanted to see the Vatican. A nice little Jewish girl wanted to see the Pope," she said.

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The Conservative View

By Sean Klay

Before I begin, I first would like to let everyone know that next week, my counterpart Molly has assured me that she will be returning to the printed page. She has been very involved in recent weeks with the theatrical production, and thus has not had the time to devote to our joint column. I wish her and the production success in their endeavor.

I would like to start off this week by asking the audience a simple question. What do you want this country to look like in 25 years? Do you still want this nation to be known as the land of opportunity? If you answered yes to the second question, then I will tell you why you should be concerned by the economic policies of this administration.

What few people realize is that your economic freedom, your ability to freely engage in commerce in all its forms, whether you are an employer, an employee or purchasing a new car, is directly related to your political freedom. It was a year ago that we had the first bank bailout, and over the last year we have seen the DJIA evaporate in value like a glass of water on a hot summer day. This new reality, coupled with the fact that a growing number believe that the government is the solution to every problem we face, on top of the multitudes already dependent on government programs for their well-being, and you have the perfect recipe for an economic and political disaster.

The first thing to keep in mind is that the government produces nothing, it is a parasite on the economy and its ability to take in rev-

enue through taxation is directly related to the economies success. Now, government does have a role in what happens, and it takes the form of two philosophies, either you see the governments role as one of direct intervention, which is the road we are well on the way down, or one of influence (through tax policy). The current economic philosophy that this administration has views the private sector with great hostility and has done nothing to encourage its recovery. The so-called stimulus package does nothing and will do nothing to encourage private sector economic growth, but it does do one thing very well-it increases the scope and influence of governmental power. Roosevelt's New Deal in the 1930's did nothing to get the US out of the Great Depression, and in fact made it worse. Roosevelt's economic policies would not have gotten him elected to a 3rd term in office; he only won reelection because there was a madman running around Europe in 1940 and he promised to keep American boys out of another European War. In 1940 the unemployment rate had in fact climbed back up to 17%, despite the best efforts of government programs and policies. What the New Deal did do was give an illusion that the government could 'fix' our economic woes, and it is this illusion that has made it into our history books.

Last week, we saw a nearly \$4 trillion federal budget proposed for the next fiscal year. Where is the fiscal responsibility of this? Especially since we have a 10.2 Trillion Dollar National Debt (which works out to

\$35, 809.10 per person) and that figure does not include interest (which would push it up to over \$50 Trillion). This is compounded by the fact that we have been growing our national debt at a rate of \$3.71 billion per day since September 27, 2008 (the day the TARP bill passed). The federal government is writing checks our taxpayers can't cover! So the only way to pay for this is to "steal" the tax money from future generations of Americans. Senator John McCain called this policy "Generational Theft." While many who know me, know that I was not John McCain's biggest fan last year; on this point, I agree with him. As far as I am concerned, my generation should not be the ones who have to 'bail out' my parents generations gross greed and incompetence. The only reason the Banks need to be bailed out in the first place was because it was the Federal Government that pushed through legislation that got them to encourage lending sub-prime loans. To support this I give you the New York Times article from September 30th 1999 entitled 'Fannie Mae Eases Credit To Aid Mortgage Lending' by Steven Holmes. In that article he wrote that the government "...will encourage those banks to extend home mortgages to individuals whose credit is generally not good enough to qualify for conventional loans...there remain too many borrowers whose credit is just a notch below what our underwriting has required who have been relegated to paying significantly higher mortgage rates in the so-called subprime market...Fannie Mae is tak-

ing on significantly more risk, which may not pose any difficulties during flush economic times. But the government-subsidized corporation may run into trouble in an economic downturn, prompting a government rescue similar to that of the savings and loan industry in the 1980's."

So there you have it folks, even the New York Times predicted this mess, which was perpetrated in part by your Federal Government! I must say, they are quick to push all the blame on the private sector, but are unable to admit they own the lions' share of the responsibility of this mess! Now they expect us, the taxpayers, to trust them to get us out of this mess? I think not!

The current policies being promoted will only, and can only, have one outcome. An increased dependence on the part of the people, on governmental programs, thereby making them beholden to which ever party will offer to give them more benefits and money. This is the ultimate corruption of our form of government, and is nothing more than the Roman Client-Patron system on steroids.

So, I close this week's column with a few warnings to you all, from some very notable past individuals. Ben Franklin wrote "When the people find that they can vote themselves money, that will herald the end of the republic." Alexis de Tocqueville wrote that "The American Republic will endure, until politicians realize they can bribe the people with their own money." Thomas Jefferson wrote "Congress has not unlimited powers to provide for the

general welfare, but only those specifically enumerated. (Referring to Article 1 of the US Constitution)." Finally James Madison writes, "If Congress can employ money indefinitely to the general welfare, and are the sole and supreme judges of the general welfare, they may take the care of religion into their own hands; they may appoint teachers in every state, county and parish and pay them out of the public treasury; they may take into their own hands the education of children, establishing in like manner schools throughout the Union; they may assume the provision of the poor; they may undertake the regulation of all roads other than post-roads; in short, every thing, from the highest object of state legislation down to the most minute object of police, would be thrown under the power of Congress... Were the power of Congress to be established in the latitude contended for, it would subvert the very foundations, and transmute the very nature of the limited Government established by the people of America."

Modern translation, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Universal Health Care, and every other social welfare package is simply unconstitutional according to the founders of the Republic. As I stated last week, it is us the people, who should be the authors of our own success or failure. Without that freedom to succeed or to fail, we can never find our true potential, or our own happiness.

Obama says road-building package is good for 150,000 jobs

Mark Silva
Los Angeles Times

Touting the recently signed economic stimulus bill, President Obama said today that 150,000 jobs will be created or saved by the end of next year thanks to the road-building provisions of the \$787-billion package.

"We are seeing shovels hit the ground," Obama said in an appearance this morning at the Department of Transportation.

The Obama administration maintains that the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act will create or

save 3.5 million jobs overall by the end of next year.

The president's pitch for the jobs that his plan promises comes as the Department of Labor prepares to release, on Friday, a new picture of joblessness in America. In January, the unemployment rate rose to 7.6 percent, the highest level since 1993, up from 7.2 percent the month before.

Yet Obama is promising no immediate turnaround in the economy. The president today acknowledged the precipitous slide in Gross Domestic Product during the fourth quarter of 2008 — a 6.2% falloff in the economy —

and allowed that the first quarter of 2009 holds little promise of better returns.

But the road-building money in the stimulus bill should pay immediate dividends in forestalling worse joblessness in the months ahead, the White House maintains.

"Transportation projects that were once on hold are now starting up again as part of the largest new investment in America's infrastructure since President Eisenhower built the interstate highway system," the president said today, appearing alongside Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood.

Some of the jobs are attributable to direct spending

by the government on roads, bridges, schools, and other infrastructure, the White House says.

Part of that is the \$28 billion dedicated for highway construction, with the money allocated to states offering "shovel-ready" projects.

"It is also worth noting that jobs in highway construction tend to pay better than average," the White House said in a statement.

"The typical, or median hourly wage for all jobs in the economy was \$15.10 in 2007," the White House said, citing Bureau of Labor statistics. "But for workers in the highway industry, the typical

hourly wage was \$18.31, a premium of over \$3 per hour over the economy-wide median wage."

The government's direct spending on construction of new roads and repair of older roads will provide for work for those who could have lost it due to spending cuts, the White House says — about 95,000 of the estimated jobs.

The secondary impact comes from what workers will have to spend on groceries, clothing and other goods, the White House maintains — an impact that promises an estimated 55,000 jobs.

Kennedy to Receive Honorary Knighthood From Queen Elizabeth

Kevin Sullivan
Washington Post

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.) has been chosen to receive an honorary knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II, the British Foreign Office said.

The honor was formally announced in Washington Wednesday by British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, during his address to a joint session of the U.S. Congress. With Vice President Biden and House Majority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Cal.) looking on from the podium, Brown praised Kennedy's role in bringing peace to Northern Ireland after generations of civil strife, and his decades of work to strengthen health care and education opportunities in the United States and around the globe.

"Northern Ireland today is at peace, more Americans have health care, children around the world are

going to school," Gordon said. "And for all these things, we owe a great debt to the life, and courage, of Senator Edward Kennedy."

Lawmakers rose to their feet to applaud.

Kennedy, 77, is battling brain cancer and was not in the House chamber for Brown's speech. The British premier said the two spoke by phone Tuesday night.

The senior senator from Massachusetts is one of the best-known American politicians in Britain, and the patriarch of the U.S. family that most closely resembles political royalty. His father, Joseph P. Kennedy, was the U.S. ambassador to Britain in the years leading up to World War II. Two of his older brothers, President John F. Kennedy and senator and

presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy, were assassinated in 1963 and 1968, respectively.

Kennedy, who since his brothers' deaths has been the patriarch of the nation's leading liberal family, has served in the Senate since

surgery can help them survive for several years.

The senator gave a stirring address at the Democratic National Convention in August and attended President Obama's inauguration in January. But he had a seizure at a luncheon following the inaugural ceremony. Kennedy has stayed involved in legislative issues in recent months, including efforts to reform health care and improve mental health treatment options in the United States, but has mostly stayed out of public view.

Honorary knighthoods are generally given as recognition of achievement in various fields, from politics to sports. The vast majority of them go to British citizens. Kennedy joins a select group of Americans who have received the honor.

According to Buckingham Palace, fewer than 100 U.S. citizens have

received honorary knighthoods since the queen took the throne in 1952. They have included former presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, generals Norman Schwarzkopf and Tommy Franks, Henry Kissinger, Bob Hope, Steven Spielberg and Bill Gates. Last month, the British Embassy announced that former senator John W. Warner (R-Va.), would be similarly honored.

Kennedy will not be able to officially use the title "Sir," according to a spokesman for Britain's Cabinet Office, which oversees the honors system. Brits who are knighted by the queen are entitled to that moniker, but people given honorary knighthoods are not, the spokesman said.

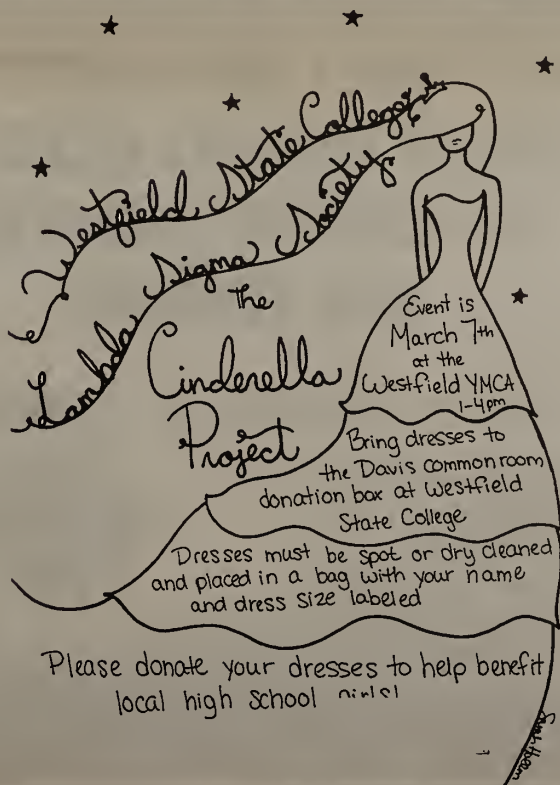
Such protocol details did not stop Brown from using the title informally Wednesday morning, extending greetings "on behalf of the British people" to "Sir Edward Kennedy" during his speech.



Senator Ted Kennedy
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1962, longer than any other current lawmaker except Sen. Robert Byrd (D-W.Va.).

He had surgery to remove a malignant brain tumor June 2. Experts have said that patients with his form of cancer often die within months of diagnosis, but





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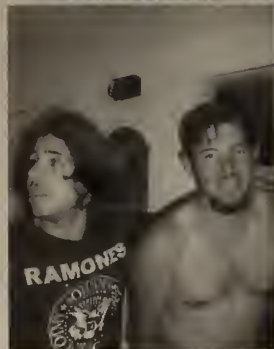
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DJs of the Week

Names: Ivan Omar Cordero (Senior) & J Witbeck (Senior)
Hometown: Springfield (Ivan) & East Longmeadow (J)
Major: Communications (Ivan) & Music (J)
Show(s): Rage Rage House (Tuesdays 2-4pm)

The Westfield Voice recently sat down with Ivan to talk about his new show, "Rage Rage House."

"We try to play (as J likes to call it) 'an eclectic theme of music.' And uh, when we get a chance to talk over the air, well we talk about our theme which is rage. So we talk about rage."

What enrages you?

"Well, we were talking about the different definitions as rage, and how we usually refer to raging as wiling out and partying. And we talk about other random nonsense about what's going on around Westfield. J is a music major so we talk about stuff that he has going on, too."

Musical influences?

"I like rock n' roll. J likes rock n' roll. We play rock n' roll and some funky stuff. And J's own band, the Funk Punks. Also, the Clash, Modest Mouse and Man Man."

Check out "Rage Rage House" on Facebook for more info.

Top 10 Billboard Singles

1. Flo Rida - Right Round
2. T.I. (Featuring Justin Timberlake) - Dead and Gone
3. Kanye West - Heartless
4. The All-American Rejects - Gives You Hell
5. Eminem, Dr. Dre, & 50 Cent - Crack A Bottle
6. Lady GaGa - Poker Face
7. Lady GaGa (Featuring Colby O'Donis) - Just Dance
8. Taylor Swift - Love Story
9. Soulja Boy Tell 'Em (Featuring Sammie) - Kiss Me Thru The Phone
10. Kelly Clarkson - My Life Would Suck Without You

Weekend Box Office Sales

1. Tyler Perry's Madea Goes To Jail
2. Jonas Brothers' 3D Experience
3. Stumdog Millionaire
4. Taken
5. He's Just Not That Into You

*courtesy of billboard.com and movies.yahoo.com

Time Machine: by Franny Zupancic

This Week in Music History



Steely Dan - Pretzel Logic (March 1974)

In 1974, jazz-classic rock band Steely Dan released their third album, Pretzel Logic. A departure from the styles of their previous two albums, Pretzel Logic met critical acclaim and chart success.

Despite a length of only about thirty-four minutes, the album is a more than respectable representation of the band's talent and influences. The main style of the album is a jazz-rock fusion, modernizing a classic genre but staying true to its roots as well. The album pays tribute to Charlie Parker, a legendary jazz saxophonist, on the track "Parker's Band." Also on the album is a note-for-note cover of Duke Ellington's "East St. Louis Toodle-Oh." Duke Ellington originally used a plunger-muted saxophone for the lead, and Steely Dan

guitarist Walter Becker's take stayed true to the original but brought a modern style, by recreating the lead with treated slide guitars.



While the Ellington cover was probably the musical gem of the album, the album spawned a #4 single, "Rikki Don't Lose that Number." Opening with a 1964 Horace Silver piano riff, the song is a perfect example of how Steely Dan brought classic jazz to then-modern radio as popular music. There has been much speculation about

what the song is actually about, a few references in the song point to Eric Clapton, who was considering quitting the music business at the time. James Gordon, who drummed on this Steely Dan track, co-wrote the Derek and the Dominos classic "Layla."

Where are they now?

Steely Dan have not released a studio album since 2003's "Everything Must Go," which is their only album to date that has not been certified at least gold. Fagan and Becker have been touring heavily, however, with their 2007 "Heavy Rollers Tour" being their largest tour to date. Steely Dan toured in 2008, also. Pretzel Logic session drummer James Gordon is currently in prison for murdering his mother with a hammer in 1983.

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U2's 'No Line on the Horizon': three stars

Ann Powers
Los Angeles Times

When he was 20, Brian Eno scribbled a phrase in a notebook that later proved relevant to his entire career: "The edges around nothing." As the writer and Roxy Music biographer Michael Bracewell has noted, the approach Eno would develop in that band and as a mastermind of art rock centers on devising formulas that "reconfigure subject, concept, material, purpose and process" -- methods for drawing lines around the "nothing" experience of random sound or half-formed self-expression and giving it meaning.

Or, to put it another way, tools for finding lines on the horizon.

A decade later, teenage guitarist David Evans developed a nickname -- the Edge. It suited the sound he was creating with the band he'd signed on to for life. U2, like its eventual producer Eno, always has approached rock as a tradition worth honoring through acts of reconfiguration and renewal; Roxy Music, in an early song, dubbed this process "Re-Make/Re-Model."

Or, to put it another way: Draw new lines on the

horizon.

U2 has become such an edifice in pop that it's hard to remember its emergence at the dawn of the 1980s, all knees and elbows, starting our ears with guitar drone, delay and those slightly stoned yet bracingly direct rhythms, topped by the unhinged yelp of Bono, a bomb believer following Ezra Pound's modernist dictum to "Make it new!"

From the first, U2 was more fervently reckless than any classic rock band yet more respectful of its roots and determined to be part of a lineage than the art punks with whom they'd started out.

The sound the band hit upon, which became transcendent on the mid-period albums *Eno co-produced*, is big enough to contain rock's historical essence and overshadow it. "No Line on the Horizon," which is due out next week and currently is available for streaming on the band's MySpace page, celebrates, dissects, reconfigures and sometimes pokes holes in that sound.

The band's 12th studio album, it comes 30 years after those first face-slapping singles. It's a pilgrimage -- the religious metaphor is inevitable -- along

the path forged by U2 itself.

The title track starts things out and shows the road. One of seven not only produced but also co-written by Eno and fellow senior team member Danny Lanois, it's built on a multilayered drone that recalls the peers of U2's youth, especially Echo and the Bunnymen and The Teardrop Explodes, when psychedelia went post-punk.

The limitless sky doesn't signal hope but the need for a map. Bono's typically semi-surreal lyric evokes nonlinear time and the need for, and peril of, change. We are in a dream time.

Dream time is a mythical force that governs internal quests, not social movements or festive gatherings. Despite the playful exhortation of the first single, "Get on Your Boots," "No Line on the Horizon" is mostly reflective. Lengthy songs grow up around lyrics that read like cinematic flashbacks and unspooled skeins of guitar and keyboard effects.

This music doesn't always land softly -- on "Moment of Surrender" and the Steve Lillywhite-produced "Breathe," the band reminds us that its roots include 1970s heavy metal -- but it's still a fairly gentle ride. No song is



No Line On The Horizon. U2's 12th studio album, was released on March 3, 2009

Photo courtesy of amazon.com

focused enough to be an instant anthem, unusual for a band born to raise cellphones and consciousness. Hooks aren't what make U2 special, however, even if they've crafted a ton of them.

Rapture is a U2 fan's essential experience. The band creates and communicates this enmeshed emotional state through insistent repetition of imposing musical elements (that guitar delay, Larry Mullen Jr.'s unwavering beats) paired with the wailing, wailing, swooningly human sound of Bono's voice.

"No Line on the Horizon" doesn't aim for the headiest transport U2 can muster; Eno and Lanois slow things down and make the players examine the ways they get there, each, including the producers, adding their own touches to the mix.

One notable motif on "No Line on the Horizon" is a huge instrumental build followed by a single word or phrase in adulation of the music surrounding it. When Bono moans "magnificent" in the track that bears that title, sounding rather like Donna Summer, or he murmurs, "Sunshine . . . sunshine," in a slow-motion falsetto at the start of "Unknown Caller," he's expressing a rapture well-known to U2's devotees.

"No Line on the Horizon" contains some evidence that Bono might have been the U2 member most in need of this bail. His exhortations aren't as sticky as usual, except for one -- "I'm running down the road like loose electricity" -- that owes two words each to Bob Dylan, Jim Morrison and Patti Smith. And at times, his vocals sound alarmingly raw.

The references to singing that pepper the album seem partly inspired by anxiety over the state of his instrument,

so who can blame him for saving what beauty still comes?

U2's celebration of life has always also been a celebration of itself, and Bono still has a gift for radiating joy in a way that feels inclusive, not egotistical. At the same time, "No Line on the Horizon" is most interesting when the band and its producers let their well-deserved wallowing become a drift down the river toward something different.

"Fez -- Being Born" will only sound experimental to those who haven't heard Eno's other collaborations (he pulls a sample from one, his exquisite 1984 collaboration with Lanois and pianist Harold Budd, "The Pearl," on "Cedars of Lebanon"), but the song's Radiohead-style cutting beats and dusty undertones work productively against the band's instinctive upward thrust.

At the other extreme, "White as Snow" and "Cedars of Lebanon" are monologues, simply rendered and grounded in the present-day realities of war in the Middle East -- one gives voice to a soldier, the other to a journalist. Both nicely bring this cloud-busting album down to Earth.

In recent years, the romance of U2 -- the quadrilateral energy the four members generate, the love so many have for its music and its redemptive effect, not just for fans but for the whole silly, serious project of rock -- has sometimes overshadowed its music.

"No Line on the Horizon" partakes of that romance by trying to expose its inner workings. It's risky to expose those dedications; as the band said long ago, it's like trying to throw your arms around the world. But the effort has its payoffs. An edge discovered is an edge that might be moved.

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EDITOR'S DESK



Well, to be honest, this week has been rather bitter-sweet for me, with emphasis on bitter. The snow day was a great surprise on Monday but it basically just allowed me to rest and try and beat this flu I have been battling since the weekend. I can't remember the last time I had a fever before this week but I was kind of excited when I looked at the thermometer on Monday and saw 102.1, my favorite classic rock station. That was the one silver lining in all of this.

Spring break is right around the corner and I am counting down the days. It may be the first week of March but it certainly feels more like the first week of January and I think spring break is just what the doctor ordered for the wintertime blues.

Don't forget to turn your clocks FORWARD on Saturday as daylight savings is early this year. Now it will be light out later in the day which is a sign that spring is right around the corner!

Have a good weekend everyone.

Song of the week: Phil Lesh - Night Of A Thousand Stars

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Fallon Still Needs Work After NBC Talk Debut

Tom Shales
Washington Post

At one point in the premiere of his new late-night talk show, it sounded as if Jimmy Fallon muttered "I'm lost" under his breath. He meant he'd come momentarily undone, but the whole show had an unfortunate aura of disconnect. It didn't seem to have attitude, direction or an identifiable style -- a newborn already suffering an identity crisis.

It did have a few laughs, however -- and that's nothing to sneer at. And it boasted high-octane opening-night guests Robert De Niro and Justin Timberlake. As Fallon said too often, "Wow."

Comparisons with Fallon's predecessor in the time slot, the great Conan O'Brien (who appeared in a strangely flat taped sketch), are inevitable. O'Brien's first week as host of "Late Night" is commonly described as "rocky," and yet when he and his gang burst onto the air in 1993, they were armed with many more novel ideas than Fallon and company unveiled in their debut on NBC late Monday.

In the interest of being positive, the show's good points ought to be noted right off. There was, for one thing, a very handsome hardwood floor -- or maybe a faux hardwood floor -- on which Fallon and guests could cavort. And Fallon himself remains nothing if not personable, the kind of guy you might not mind sitting next to on a long bus ride.

As could be expected with any new offering in a field as overplowed as talk shows, this one arrived needing plenty of work -- but, since Lorne Michaels is executive producer, in very safe and talented hands.

As a star of NBC's



Robert DeNiro on set of 'Late Night' with new host Jimmy Fallon
Photo courtesy of tvguide.com

"Saturday Night Live," breeding ground for exceptional talent, Fallon displayed an irresistible, boyish charm and a gift for satirical mimicry. The boyish charm seems to have been intentionally stifled; Fallon hosted the premiere dressed like Alfred Hitchcock. He looked stiff rather than limber, and all but shackled to the smallish desk at which he sat.

But there were no major glitches or fumbles as the hour bumped along, and though not a brilliant monologist, Fallon handled the opening jokes well, ending the monologue by "slow-jamming the news" with help from his house band, the Roots (whom he failed to introduce individually). Slow-jamming meant reciting an item about Nancy Pelosi in a suggestive, mock-sexy way, as in "You can't rush my stimulus, baby."

Bits involving the studio audience were less successful. A few members were invited to come onstage and play "Lick It For Ten," wherein the contestant licked part of a lawn mower or goldfish bowl for a \$10 bill that Fallon produced from his wallet. A spoofy taped segment about one of the show's "target demographics" -- "blond mothers from Connecticut" -- played like an "SNL" sketch that had died in

dress rehearsal.

De Niro stayed for two segments and played along with some jokey scripted comedy, but Fallon rushed through it as if the faster he went, the less likely any shortcomings would be noticed. Timberlake's half-danced entrance seemed like part of a parody on the old, immortal "SCTV" show: New Age showbiz phoniness to replace the kind of stuff Bob Hope and Dean Martin used to do in talk-show appearances.

But however many aspects of the program and its host can be criticized, Fallon still returned to the air riding a wave of goodwill and, after weeks of webisode testing on the Internet, demonstrated a certain comfort in the role. The show is broadcast from historic Studio 6B in Rockefeller Center, not used in years but in its day home to, among other shows, Jack Paar's "Tonight Show," proof that any genre of anything can produce a masterpiece.

Fallon is far from such stature, but though his opening night had disappointments, none was crushing or looked potentially fatal. Once Fallon relaxes, hunkers down and lightens up, the new "Late Night" could win over many a semiconscious heart and mind.

Westfield State College to dedicate "Jerry Gravel Track" this spring

The Westfield State College Board of Trustees voted to name the college's track after longtime track and field coach and professor Jerry Gravel at the board's meeting on Thursday night.

The trustees approved the motion presented by Dr. Carol Persson, vice-president of enrollment management, who served as a professor alongside Gravel in the department of movement science for many years. Persson spoke of her experience working with Gravel, and read excerpts from the many e-mails that had been sent by alumni and friends in support of the naming.

The "Jerry Gravel Track" will be dedicated this spring in conjunction with the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) track and field championships which will be hosted by Westfield on April 25.

"I'm humbled by the experience," said Gravel by telephone from his home in Oceanside, Calif., on Friday. "It's a great honor. It's great recognition for the dedication of our track and field athletes over the last 40 years - it's not just an honor for me - it's an honor to all of them as well."

Several alumni also attended the meeting, along with Gravel's brother, Jim, and son, Mark. Jim Gravel had initially approached Westfield State College President Dr. Evan Dobbelle about the possibility of naming the track after his brother at a reception the college sponsored on Cape Cod last summer.

After the board approved the motion, the room burst into a round of applause.

"I felt proud for Jerry, the cross country and track and field programs, and the college," said Kevin Dalton '77, an attorney from Manchester, Mass., who attended the trustee meeting. "It couldn't happen to a better guy than Jerry Gravel. It reminded me how fortunate we were as students to attend Westfield State, and how the college and Jerry helped to shape our lives after graduation."

"We went in as boys, and graduated as men," said Dalton, who still holds the school record in the steeplechase.

Gravel, who was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004, served as track coach at Westfield State from 1969 until 1997. Gravel started the track and field program at Westfield State and built it into a regional power, winning two New

England Championships, and 20 of 26 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference titles.

Gravel coached 32 All-Americans and 142 athletes who qualified for the NCAA



Jerry Gravel

Championships in their events.

"Our student-athletes sacrificed a lot through the years to be successful," said Gravel. "We used to run in one of the steam tunnels to practice in the winter. We won our first title before we even had a track. In 1974, the college owned five hurdles and four sets of starting blocks and we were able to win. There were many unique contributions from all our athletes."

The track that will be named in Gravel's honor is a far cry from the humble beginnings of the program. The Alumni Field complex was renovated in 2006, and is one of the top facilities for collegiate track and field in New England. The eight-lane synthetic-surfaced facility was honored as one of the best in the nation by the American Sports Builders Association. It features four jumping pits, two shot put throwing areas, and two throwing areas for the discus and hammer throw.

The track hosted the 2008 Western Mass high school track and field championships, and will be the site of the 2009 MASCAC and New England Alliance track and field championships in conjunction with the naming ceremony this April.

A native of Attleboro, Mass., Jerry himself was a standout athlete, and competed as a member of the track team at UMass-Amherst, receiving his bachelor's degree in 1960. He earned a master's degree at Kent State University in 1961.

In addition to coaching, Gravel was an associate professor in the movement science department at Westfield State, teaching biomechanics, health related fitness, strength training and other classes.

"Jerry was like a father to many of us for four years," said Jim McGilloway '78, now

Actuarial Services Manager for Safety Insurance. "He took us under his wing, and taught us a lot both inside and outside the classroom. Jerry has been a real good friend, and dedicated to Westfield State track all his life."

Since retiring from Westfield State, Gravel, 71, has resided in the San Diego area, and teaches at MiraCosta Community College. He has remained active with the Westfield State College community, serving as an advisor to the cross country and track and field programs, and has been a key organizer in implementing the Dan Doyle Scholarship and the James Earley Scholarship at Westfield State, and annually helps organize the Dan Doyle Golf Tournament and the James Earley Open Cross Country race to support those scholarships named for two of his former athletes.

"The last 17 years, we've been getting together for the Doyle tournament," said McGilloway. It's coach Gravel that draws us all together. We go back, and listen to his terrible jokes that we've heard before, but he still makes us laugh. He just has the ability to attract people, and together we've raised more than \$100,000 to support the Doyle scholarship."

"It's wonderful that (Coach Gravel) has helped keep the spirit of my brother alive," said Kate (Doyle) Rowe '82. "When I went to college I tagged along with my brother and his friends and Jerry always has had a very deep relationship with the people he coached. He continues to live life as he professed."

Gravel has also supported the Owl Club at Westfield State with efforts to raise funds, most recently to purchase the Trackmaster equipment to help run meets at the college.

In honor of the track naming, a group of alumni and friends are leading a fundraising effort to support the Westfield State track and field program in Jerry Gravel's honor, with a goal of \$100,000 to support the program and continue the tradition of excellence began by coach Gravel.

Invitations to the naming ceremony will be mailed to all track and field alumni in the coming weeks. If you have questions about the dedication ceremony, or the fundraising efforts, please contact Dave Caspole, Senior Development Coordinator for Athletics at 413-572-8198, or at dcaspole@wsc.ma.edu.

Arouca wins all New Englands



Competing

against the top-flight competition in Divisions I, II, and III, Arouca hit the tape first with a time of 17:19.57. Kristen Martin of Northeastern University placed second in 17:23.60 and Elizabeth Foster of the University of Hartford finished third in 17:33.33.

Also competing in the 5,000 for Westfield State was senior Marianne Mealey of Foxboro, who placed 20th in 18:43.92.

Westfield State senior standout Marlee Berg of Chelmsford also performed well in the All New Englands as she placed second in the pentathlon, breaking her own school record in the five-event competition with a score of 3,136. Kelly Thomas of the University of New Hampshire placed first with 3,256 points.

Berg also competed in the high jump and tied for 11th place along with teammate Caitlin Handcock; both cleared 5-3.

Westfield State's Kerry Arouca continues to establish herself as one of the best distance runners in all of New England.

The junior from Hanson, Mass. won another title by placing first in the 5,000 meter run at the All New England indoor track and field championships at Boston University.

Nichols cruises past Westfield

HARRISVILLE, R.I. - The Nichols College men's hockey team advanced to the ECAC Northeast semifinals with an 8-1 victory over Westfield State Saturday evening at June Rockwell Levy Rink.

The Bison finished the night 6-for-14 on the power play and were led by four points from sophomore forward Matt Roberts (Merrimack, Mass.), who recorded a pair of goals and two assists.

Top-seeded Nichols (23-3-0) will host the lower seed of either fifth-seeded Fitchburg State or sixth-seeded Becker Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. Fitchburg upset fourth-seeded UMass-Dartmouth, 3-2, while Becker takes on third-seeded Wentworth Sunday afternoon.

Matt Hendrickson (Farmingdale, N.Y.) added three points with a goal and two assists, while Will Munson (Corona, Calif.) recorded a pair of goals.

Dennis Zak (Dover, N.J.) gave the Owls (11-9-4) a 1-0 lead just 4:11 in the game off

an assist from Pat Nelson (Cary, N.C.), but the Bison rattled off eight unanswered goals to cruise into the semifinals.

Hendrickson knotted the game before Roberts recorded a short-handed tally to send the Bison to the locker room with a 2-1 lead.

Nichols scored four power-play goals in the second frame to edge ahead, 6-1, and tacked on two more goals with the man advantage in the final frame for the 8-1 final.

All in, Nichols held a 49-22 advantage in shots, and was assessed 20 penalty minutes on 10 infractions. The Owls found themselves in the penalty box for 58 minutes on 21 infractions.

Nichols netminder Jacob Rinn (Warwick, R.I.) improved to 7-1-2 on the season with 21 saves.

Westfield's Ray Monroe (Shrewsbury, Mass.) shouldered the loss with 13 saves and four goals allowed in the first 31 minutes, while Ian Wilson (Tulsa, Okla.) stopped 27 shots while allowing four goals in the final 29 minutes.

Westfield captures MASCAC crown

Owls' Standings

Men's Basketball

MASCAC Conference
as of 3/4/09

Salem St.	21-6(10-2)
Bridgewater St.	20-6(10-2)
Westfield St.	18-9(9-3)
Framingham St.	15-12(6-6)
Worcester St.	12-14(5-7)
Fitchburg St.	8-16(2-10)
MCLA	1-24(0-12)

Upcoming games:
(home games in bold)

Women's Basketball

MASCAC Conference
as of 2/11/09

Westfield St.	22-4(11-1)
Fitchburg St.	16-10(9-3)
Bridgewater St.	14-11(7-5)
Worcester St.	10-17(5-7)
MCLA	14-12(4-8)
Salem St.	10-17(4-8)
Framingham St.	8-17(2-10)

Upcoming Games:

(home games in bold)

3/6 Muhlenberg College
(played at Bowdoin College)

Men's Ice Hockey

MASCAC Conference
as of 2/11/09

Salem St.	14-9-2(3-0-1)
Fitchburg St.	13-8-5(1-0-3)
Westfield St.	11-9-4(2-1-1)
Worcester St.	6-15-3(0-2-2)
Fram St.	0-21-4(0-3-1)

WESTFIELD, Mass. — Senior forward Andrea Wasuk (Lenox) scored a game-high 21 points as Westfield State rolled to an 80-54 victory over Salem State in the championship game of the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) women's basketball tournament.

Westfield, 22-4, earns an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III national tournament following the resounding victory in which it led 45-21 at halftime. Westfield also participated in the NCAA Tournament in 1995 and 1996 when its current head coach Andrea Bertini was a standout for the Owls.

Also, it was Westfield's second MASCAC crown in the tournament's 20-year history. Westfield also clinched the tourney title in 1992.

"I really can't come up

with too many words, it's just awesome," said Bertini of her team's outstanding performance in the championship game. "Absolutely our defense was the key to the victory. And our depth was able to wear them down."

Wasuk only played 20 minutes despite earning game-high scoring honors. She displayed a variety of moves in dropping in buckets underneath the taller Vikings.

The Owls also ran a near flawless fastbreak in building their big first-half lead. For the game, they had an incredible 27 assists on 31 field goals.

"With our team speed we were able to get out on the fastbreak and make good passes," said Bertini.

The bench player who sparked the Owls this game was junior guard Krista Corriveau

(Plainville, CT). She finished with 14 points and was 4-for-6 from 3-point range. Corriveau drained a pair of three-balls to give Westfield an early 20-7 lead.

Salem closed to within five, 22-17, with 9:00 left in the first half, then Westfield started its Showtime Act. The Owls went on a 23-4 run to take their commanding 45-21 halftime.

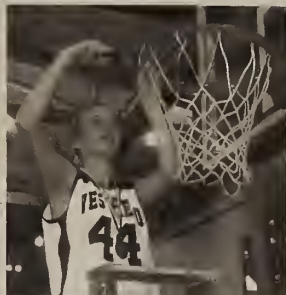
Twin sisters Katie and Lauren Sylvain (Hadley) keyed the surge with long-range bombs and crisp passing. Lauren had the best all-around game, finishing with 14 points (3-for-5 from 3-point range), and team highs of six rebounds and seven assists. Katie had 12 points and five assists.

For the entire game, the Owls shot 51 percent from the field and were 8-for-20 from 3-point range.

The Owls also scored the first seven points of the second half to take a 52-21 lead but Salem didn't fold. The Vikings got as close at 19 points, 60-41, on two free throws by Kaie Bionenko (Chicopee) with 8:42 remaining. Westfield quickly regrouped and cranked up its fastbreak to build the lead back up to as many as 29.

"I did not think it was going to be an easy game," said Bertini, who grew up in Salem. "Salem is a good team with a lot of veteran players and has one of the best coaches (Tim Shea) in the country."

Danielle Jenkins, a 6-0 junior center from Marlboro, was Salem's only player in double figures with 19 points. She also grabbed a game-high seven rebounds.



Left - Westfield State College - 2009 MASCAC Regular Season and Tournament Champions

Top - Cassidy Jouanet takes her turn at cutting the net.

Westfield draws Muhlenberg in NCAA Tournament game to be played at Bowdoin College

The Westfield State College women's basketball team will play Muhlenberg College of Allentown, Pa., in the first round of the NCAA Division III national tournament. The first-round regional game will be played at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, on Friday, March 6, at 5:00 p.m.

In the other Friday night first-round game at Bowdoin, the host college will play Castleton State of Vermont at 7:00. The Friday winners will play at Bowdoin on Saturday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m. For additional tournament

information, go to www.ncaa.com.

Ticket prices are \$6 for adults and \$3 for students and seniors. All three games this weekend at Bowdoin can be viewed live on the internet at: www.pennatlantic.com

Bowdoin (24-4) earned the right to host the first and second round regional games by capturing the NESCAC Tournament with a 49-46 victory over Amherst College. Castleton State, 17-11, upset Husson, 63-57, in the North Atlantic Conference championship game to earn an

automatic bid.

Muhlenberg, 24-3, won the Centennial Conference for the second straight season and the third time in the past four years. The Mules have won 10 straight and 18 of their last 19 games. The veteran team is averaging 70.4 points per game.

Westfield State has also finished strong, with victories in 13 of the last 14 games. The 22-4 Owls rolled to an 80-54 victory over Salem State in the MASCAC championship game. Westfield also won the MASCAC regular season

championship with an 11-1 record.

Westfield senior Andrea Wasuk (Lenox), the MASCAC Player of the Year, leads the conference in scoring, averaging 14.9 points per game. Senior guard Katie Sylvain (Hadley) is averaging 11.9 points and leads the conference in 3-point shooting percentage.

This will be Westfield State's third appearance in the NCAA Tournament. The Owls participated in 1995 and 1996, when their current head coach Andrea Bertini was a senior.

March Madness hits the NBA

Jeff Dale
Editor-At-Large

It is finally March, and for college basketball fans, the madness will begin soon. But before we get to Selection Sunday, it is time to find out who's in and who's out, NBA Style.

The drop-off in the Western Conference after Phoenix is pretty drastic, as Golden State is 15 games out of the eighth spot. The Suns have been scoring a lot of points, but they aren't playing much defense. They have put up 100 points or more in seven straight games, including Shaquille O'Neal's old-school-Shaq performance against Toronto, in which he scored 45 points.

Nine teams in the East are below .500, and eight of them still have a chance of making the playoffs. Currently, the eighth-seeded Bucks are floundering without Andrew Bogut and Michael Redd. They're 5-5 in their last 10 games, and with seven other teams within five games of Milwaukee, the Bucks might get their bubble burst sooner rather than later.

The Bulls lost two legends this past week, as both Johnny "Red" Kerr and Norman Van Lier passed away. Lier, nicknamed "Storman Norman" was one of the best defensive players of his generation, being selected three times to the All-Defensive First Team and five times to the All-Defensive Second Team. Kerr

was an Illinois basketball legend since his high school days, winning a championship with the Bulls and later becoming a broadcaster during the glory days of Michael Jordan. They will be missed.

Chicago has gone 3-3 since acquiring Brad Miller at the deadline and are one game out of the eighth spot in the East. They are the best team of the remaining bubble teams and could be a tough first-round match-up if they make the playoffs.

New Jersey, Indiana, Charlotte, New York and even Toronto aren't out of the running for a playoff berth. The Nets have the best shot of the four, with Devin Harris and Vince Carter to lead them. But don't count out the Raptors. They are second-to-last in the East at 23-38, but have become a better team since trading Jermaine O'Neal.

Who's hot?

Deron Williams
The Jazz (37-23) are hot, winning 11 of their last 12 games and now are the seventh seed in the tightly packed Western Conference. Their resurgence can be attributed to point guard Deron Williams. Since Williams was drafted third-overall in 2005, he often has been compared to Chris Paul, who was drafted fourth. The comparisons are not really fair, since Paul has been an MVP candidate and Williams is yet to make an All-Star team. Despite this, Williams has been playing great, notching

double digit assists in nine of 10 games, including a career-high 20 assists in his last game against Golden State

Who's not?

Cleveland Cavaliers

Since Ben Wallace went down with a broken leg, the Cavs are not looking so smart. They had all the tools to acquire someone at the trade deadline, but decided against it and now Wallace could be lost for the season.

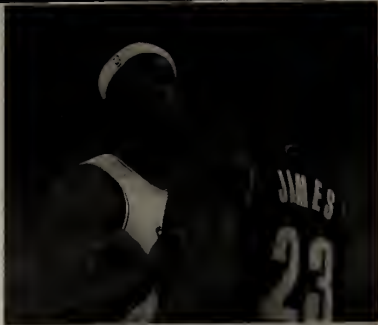
Injury and absences

Kevin Durant (ankle) is out two weeks. Brian Scalabrine (neck) and Mike Dunleavy (knee) are out indefinitely.

The Denver Nuggets suspended Carmelo Anthony one game for an "in game transgression" that took place during Sunday's game against the Pacers. According to the Denver Post, Melo refused to come out of the game when coach George Karl asked him to and will now miss Tuesday's game against the Pistons.

Carlos Boozer returned to action Feb. 23, after missing more than four months with a knee injury.

Stephon Marbury joined the Celtics on Feb. 27 and saw his first minutes since January of 2008. Talk about rust. He was impressive though, scoring eight points in limited minutes. That last phrase has made some skeptical—and for good reason. Marbury is one of the more notorious personalities in the



The Celtics face the Cavs in their last matchup of the season tonight.

-Photo courtesy of NBA.com

NBA. But a change of scenery can be good for players. Just look at Randy Moss and Manny Ramirez. And yes, the comparison of Manny and Starbury was just made. Welcome to New England.

Quote of the week

"His name was synonymous with basketball, both here in Chicago, and throughout the entire NBA. Those that were fortunate enough to have known Johnny [Kerr] were touched by both his tremendous compassion for people, and his lifelong passion for the game of basketball. We will miss him greatly."

—Bulls chairman Jerry Reinsdorf, in the Associated Press, on the passing of Johnny Kerr

Game of the Week

Cavaliers at Celtics

This game is like having

Muhammad Ali spar with Joe Frazier before "The Thrilla in Manila." The potential playoff preview is the last game between the two teams before they fight for Eastern Conference supremacy, and it could decide who gets home-court advantage.

These are the two best defensive teams in the NBA. The Cavs are No. 1 in opponent points per game (90.4), the Celtics are No. 2 (92.3) and they are tied for first in opponents' field goal percentage (42.7). Health is the biggest problem for both teams. The big ticket is out for the Celtics, and Ben Wallace is out for the Cavs. Cleveland will take that wash everyday of the week.

Prediction

Cavaliers 89, Celtics 85

MLB Predictions: AL/NL Cy Young Award winners



Colby Henderson



Jeff Dale



Matthew Castonguay



Patrick Dayton



Jeramy Berthiaume

AL

1. Josh Beckett
2. Felix Hernandez
3. Scott Kazmir

AL

1. Roy Halladay
2. Josh Beckett
3. CC Sabathia

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1. Josh Beckett
2. CC Sabathia
3. Scott Kazmir

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1. Roy Halladay
2. Daisuke Matsuzaka
3. CC Sabathia

AL

1. Roy Halladay
2. Mariano Rivera
3. Josh Beckett

NL

1. Cole Hamels
2. Brandon Webb
3. Edinson Volquez

NL

1. Brandon Webb
2. Dan Haren
3. Edinson Volquez

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1. Tim Lincecum
2. Johnny Cueto
3. Cole Hamels

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1. Tim Lincecum
2. Johan Santana
3. Randy Wolf

NL

1. Brandon Webb
2. Johan Santana
3. Tim Lincecum

Capricorn
(December 21 - January 20)

The start of the week is all about being able to do what's necessary to provide for your future wants and needs. This is really all about being willing to put the past behind you. Try to release your negative energy.

Aquarius
(January 21 - February 19)

The first part of the week is intended to be light and refreshing. This is the perfect time to get out and about. To laugh and goof with others. Even though the mood is light, pay close attention to what others are saying. This will be an important clue what you can expect in the upcoming future.

Pisces
(February 20 - March 20)

Your planet energy is locked onto the financial and material areas of your life. This is when you need to trust and rely upon your natural instincts and inner gut feelings. This is a terrific time to plan for the future as your insights will prove to be right on the money.

Aries
(March 21 - April 20)

Your week really starts out golden. You'll be in your high cycle and somehow, somehow just about everything you do will have a way of working out in your favor. The first couple days you'll want to do everything you can to showcase your own individuality and originality. It's during this time you are and have what everybody wants.

Taurus
(April 21 - May 21)

The first couple days of this week will make you ultra sensitive to the vibes others are sending out. It's very likely you'll be more aware of the thoughts and feelings of others than they will be themselves.

Gemini
(May 22 - June 21)

Your week starts out with the intention of causing you to rid yourself of the nuts and routines of modern life. This energy is all about putting your imagination and creativity to work for you and being willing to try out new ideas or solutions in trying to solve long existing problems.

Cancer
(June 22 - July 22)

Right from the start of the week your words, actions and even your look should speak loud and clear of your professionalism, talents and abilities. All eyes are focused on you so people may be willing to pounce all over you should you make a moral or ethical mistake.

Leo
(July 23 - August 23)

Try to slow yourself down during the first part of this week to make sure you're not overlooking mistakes or ignoring important truths because they don't quite seem to match up with your overall plans and objectives.

Virgo
(August 24 - September 23)

You'll feel the natural energy surge through your veins during the first part of the week. This is when the passions and desires inside you really start to come alive. It's when your body's cells want to cry out in thanks just for being alive. You can succeed at anything you can put your heart, soul or emotions into.

Libra
(September 24 - October 23)

The first part of your week is all about finding and doing whatever is necessary to restore the right level of balance in your life. It's all about making sure you are meeting others half way. This is a great time for any social activities and for starting new relationships or adding needed fire into existing ones.

Scorpio
(October 24 - November 22)

During the first couple days of the week you need to make absolute sure the things you say and do can be backed up by rock solid facts and figures. If you make a claim or a statement, you better be able to back up. You can also expect others to challenge your ideas and opinions too.

Sagittarius
(November 21 - December 23)

Your week starts out in your most creative and inventive cycle. This is when the right ideas just seem to pop into your head at the right time. If that's not enough, this is when others will all look to you for insight and guidance.

*Horoscopes by weeklyhoroscope.com

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*Courtesy of www.puzzle.com

Katrina Powell, The College Chef

White Tomato Chicken with Cheese Tortellini

- 2 eggs
- 2 medium sized chicken breasts
- 2 cups breadcrumbs
- Lemon Pepper seasoning
- Garlic Powder
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 cups Alfredo sauce
- 1 medium sized red tomato
- 1 bag cheese tortellini
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Bring three cups of water to a boil in a large pot. Add the tortellini. Meanwhile, beat two eggs in a large bowl. Spread the breadcrumbs on a plate. Take each piece of chicken and coat in egg, then place in breadcrumbs. Make sure that each piece of chicken is evenly coated with breadcrumbs. In a large frying pan coated with butter, heat the chicken over

a medium flame. Cook for approximately 7 minutes on each side. In a small pot, bring the Alfredo sauce to a boil. When the tortellini is tender, drain the water from the pot and continue to heat over a low flame. Add in half of the Alfredo sauce, the butter and mozzarella cheese. Stir continuously until the mixture is evenly spread. When both sides of the chicken are golden brown, add the garlic powder, lemon pepper seasoning, and salt and pepper to taste. Take the tomato, after washing, and dice into very small pieces. Remove the chicken from the frying pan and place on a plate. Pour the remaining half of the heated Alfredo sauce onto each piece of chicken. Sprinkle the diced tomatoes on top. Remove the tortellini from pot, and add garlic powder, salt and pepper to taste.








Thumbs Up / Thumbs Down



Daylight savings on Saturday.



Snow in March.

Fri 3/6	High 43 Low 32 	AM Rain / Ice 40% Chance of Prec.
Sat 3/7	High 50 Low 40 	Partly Cloudy 10% Chance of Prec.
Sun 3/8	High 53 Low 32 	Few Showers 30% Chance of Prec.
Mon 3/9	High 43 Low 30 	Showers 40% Chance of Prec.
Tue 3/10	High 43 Low 28 	Partly Cloudy 10% Chance of Prec.
Wed 3/11	High 43 Low 31 	Light Wint'ry Mix 50% Chance of Prec.
Thu 3/12	High 45 Low 30 	Rain / Snow Showers 60% Chance of Prec.

Hours Of Operation

Dining Commons

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-8:00p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 8:00a.m.-1:30p.m. & 4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.

*Cyber Cafe located in the Dining Commons is open 24 hours with limited self service

Subway

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Sunday 12:30p.m.-11:00p.m.

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Quixotes

Monday-Thursday 8:00a.m.-9:30p.m.

Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

Jazzman's Cafe

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-11:00p.m.

Saturday 12:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

Sunday 1:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

Pandini's

Monday-Sunday 8:00a.m.-12:00a.m.

The Perch

Friday & Saturday 8:00p.m.-2:00a.m.

Garden Cafe

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Wednesday 8:30a.m.-7:00p.m.

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Potholes and the Streets of Westfield

Marc Bedine
Voice Reporter

WESTFIELD - Snow and freezing conditions have always caused unsafe conditions for drivers. But even on days when the sun is shining, drivers face the effects of bad weather-in the form of potholes.

Potholes are nothing new to drivers, especially in Massachusetts. However, there have been increased complaints from students this year at Westfield State College.

Commuter students, like senior Jay Powers, are forced to trek up and down Western Ave. daily. Powers' said that the constant slamming on the breaks and swerving can get nerve racking.

"You don't want to get rear ended, but sometimes you have to stop short and swerve so that you don't pop a tire in a pothole," he said.

Many students surveyed were unclear of what causes pot-

holes, or how they were removed. Some felt that state budget cuts were part of the reason for the increased number of potholes around the city. Others felt that even with budget cuts, potholes should be a top priority.

I don't know if budget cuts have made it harder to fill the potholes on Western Ave, but safety is a number one no matter what, and these potholes are making driving in this town very hazardous," said Thomas Silva, a junior living in Lammers.

Budget cuts could be part of the issue, although the office of Jim Mulvenna, Director of the Department of Public Works, said that "the potholes still have to be filled, even with budget cuts." Mulvenna was not available for further interview, to expand on this quote.

When a vehicle is damaged by a pothole is Westfield, the driver can file a claim against the city in the law office of the Municipal Building. This claim takes 4-6 weeks to process, according to the law office. If the office decides that

the city was at fault for the damage, expenses from the damage will be covered.

Several members of the law office said that there is "no running count" of claims against the City, for public viewing. Because of this, it is hard to say if potholes have damaged cars more this year than in others past.

Ed Wielgus, one of three foreman in the Department of Public Work's Operations Office, said he assumed the budget cuts in the state had affected potholes, but he was not sure. "I do know that the price of tar has gone up from \$27 to \$85 over the past couple of years, that is most likely because of the economy," he said.

Wielgus continued when he said that the winter months have brought potholes. He said that Western Ave. is a hot spot because of its size and the amount of cars that drive on it daily.

Ceramics, paintings on display at the

Amo Maris Gallery



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Quinn Bill hangs in the balance

Tim Zantroski
Voice Reporter

WESTFIELD - Criminal justice student Mark Ferreira came to Westfield State College with the expectation that the Quinn Bill would provide pay incentives to him once he became a police officer, but it could be the next item on Deval Patrick's chopping block.

"I don't think it's fair for Patrick to cut the Quinn Bill. He came into office saying that he was going to help out and create jobs for police officers in the state but he has looked to close most of the academies," Ferreira said.

The state's share of the Quinn Bill is expected to be approximately \$55 million for the next year, a figure the governor wants to trim by about \$12 million, or approximately 23%.

The main concerns with

Patrick's proposed cuts are the impact that it will have on colleges across the state and the effect on taxpayers across the commonwealth.

"Cutting the benefits offered by the Quinn Bill will hurt our night school undergrad and graduate program the most, as many of our students in these programs are using the Quinn Bill [to further their education]," said Dr. Daniel Price of Westfield State's Criminal Justice Department. "Overall, the impact on the law enforcement community as a whole will be that less police officers will go back to school for degrees, unless it's required for a promotion."

The governor's office released a statement that the administration is struggling to "solve a budget deficit of approximately \$6 billion" over this year and next year's budgets. "Deep cuts," Deputy Press Secretary Rebecca Deusser said,

are the only solution.

As of January of 2004 there were 40 institutions, including Westfield State, that offered either two or four-year programs that specialize in criminal justice as accepted by the standards of the Quinn Bill. Criminal justice professors across the state believe that these institutions may suffer drops in enrollment due to the elimination of pay incentives as offered by the bill.

The criminal justice program at Westfield State College has grown from four students in 1969 to over 750 full time majors today.

The base salary increase is based on a points system with each credit hour earned at a Quinn Bill accredited institution earning one point. An associate's degree earns a total of 60 points; a baccalaureate earns 125 points and a degree of mastery in law earns 150 points.

The Quinn Bill Statute

breaks down the salary increases in the following manner: a 3% increase for ten points accumulated, a 6% increase for twenty-five points, a 10% increase for forty points, a 15% increase for sixty points, a 20% increase for one hundred and twenty points, and a 30% increase for one hundred and fifty points accumulated.

Communities already struggling from local aid cuts could very well receive a staggering blow if taxpayers get stuck with tuition bills for cops when Patrick cuts an estimated \$8 to \$14 million from the state-financed Quinn Bill.

"This is already being called the Great Recession and this will just hit cities and towns harder," said Geoff Beckwith in an interview with the Boston Herald, executive director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

Only the federal stimulus package, he added, can save Bay state mayors and town managers now. "This is essentially an unfunded burden," Beckwith

said. Many towns across the commonwealth have contracts with police unions that force taxpayers to make up any shortfall with Quinn Bill payments if the state touches the program. The city of Lowell has such a contract and could be forced to allocate \$350,000 of the town budget-ct to police if state funding is cut.

"Taxpayers should be supporting the police and other civil service jobs, even if they aren't affected by the bill. People want to live in a safe environment and it's well worth paying for," O'Sullivan said.

The purpose of the Quinn Bill, also known as the Police Career Incentive Pay Program, enacted in 1970 by the Massachusetts legislature, was to encourage police officers in participating municipalities to earn degrees in law enforcement and criminal justice and to provide educational incentives through a percentage increase in salary.

Useful Phone Numbers:

Bookstore - 5657
Public Safety - 5262
Information Technology - 5528
Library - 5231

Wellness Center Hours:

Sunday - 1:00pm-8:00pm
Monday-Wednesday - 6:30am-10:00pm
Thursday & Friday - 6:30am-9:00pm
Saturday - 1:00pm-5:00pm

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Quick Hits

- General job fair for all majors:
April 29 @ 1PM in Woodward.
Students should bring a resume and dress nicely.

- Peace Corp is coming to interview:
April 7 @ 6PM in Dickinson

- President Dobelle and several board members are doing a meet and greet with students:
March 31
Courtney @ 7:30PM
Lammers @ 6:30PM
April 1
Apts./Dickinson @ 7:30PM
Scanlon @ 8:30PM
April 7
Davis @ 7:30PM
New Hall @ 8:30 PM

- Registration is being done through the portal.
It opens @ 7AM.
Peer advising can explain how to register online.

- Registration is:
April 3 for juniors
April 7 for sophomores
April 9 for freshman

- Spring Weekend guest packets go on sale March 30.
Email VPPROGRAMING.SGA @WSC.MA.EDU with any questions about Spring Weekend.
Information can also be found in the facebook group "Stuff to do Woo-hoo."

- Elections for SGA are Monday, March 30.
Signature papers can be obtained.
Return signature papers by April 7 by 5PM.

- April 21-22 elections will be held

Ceramics, paintings on display at Westfield State's Downtown Art Gallery

The ceramics of Ron Baer and the paintings of Karen Randall will be on display at Westfield State College's Downtown Art Gallery at 102 Elm St., Westfield from March 12 to April 18. The exhibit, *A Curve of Earth*, opens with a reception from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 12.

Baer has worked as an artist and educator for more than 20 years, and his ceramics have been exhibited in galleries in New York, Boston, and Lenox, Mass. His work is in a number of public collections, including the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum in Springfield and the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. He has taught ceramics at Hampshire College and earned a doctorate in education from the University

of Massachusetts.

"Through the medium of clay I create vessels that evoke what is elemental and timeless," Baer said. "Simple, subtle, yet richly complex, they invite us to quiet ourselves and look more fully. The openness, secrecy, and emptiness of the interior space is balanced, shaped, and held by its whole. As an artist, I use the power of elemental forms to open us to a deeper sense of internal space, contemplation, and wonder."

Randall works in the media of words, digital visual and sound collage, oil painting, letterpress printing and artist's books. She is the author of *The Extruded Gilgamesh*, based on the ancient Sumerian epic and on contemporary writings on genetics, computer science, and

philosophies of language.

Randall has taught letterpress printing at the Center for the Book in New York, the San Francisco Center for Book Arts, and Naropa University in Boulder, Colo. Her books are in the collections of numerous colleges; institutions, including the Library of Congress; and private collectors.

"While on the surface my paintings may seem to be figurative and narrative, my real interest is in the dialogic relations of one color to another, one texture to another, one shape to another," Randall said. "The figures are for me more like vases; they are a way to distinguish foreground from background. But the figures are not separate from their environment, nor are they separate from each other."

"I begin with a middle ground — Venetian red gesso — that allows me to define the macro volumes of the figures quickly by adding areas of relative dark and light. I then begin a long process of experimenting with various surface colors and textures, layering paint to create iterative patterns using stencils of leaves and letters. My goal is to create a controlled chaos, an organic, dynamic flow."

The Downtown Gallery is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 2 - 5 p.m., Thursday from 2 - 7 p.m., and Saturday from 1 - 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.wsc.ma.edu/arno.

Quinn Bill continued

Paving projects, as said by Wielgus, can be very expensive. "It would have been nice to have that paved, but money is always an issue," Wielgus said.

The potholes will most likely remain a topic of discussion for the Westfield students until spring rolls around.

Wielgus said, "right now we can only use the cold patch mixture, and it doesn't last as long. We have to wait until April for the hot stuff to be used, which last longer."

Many students are not full time residents of Westfield, and may not know what to do when they spot a potentially dangerous pothole.

According to the website for the

City of Westfield, there is a "pothole/emergency hotline" that can be used to report potholes or other DPW related problems during normal business hours. The number is (413) 572-6226, and operates during "normal business" hours according to the Town of Westfield website.

Wielgus said that there a phone number that can be dialed to notify DPW workers of a pothole, but potholes are not just filled by request. "We fill it whenever we can, but there are 800 streets in the City of Westfield. There is a crew of 15 guys in the department, and filling potholes isn't the only job. There is landscaping, sanitation problems, etc," he said.

Academic Departments Expanded

Westfield State College has restructured and expanded its academic departments, which are prominent in delivering programs central to the college's mission of social responsibility.

The restructuring includes creating four new departments and hiring additional faculty to expand course offerings in these areas.

The four new departments were created by dividing two current departments — the Department of Sociology and Social Work and the Department of World Languages, Multicultural and Gender

Studies.

In the new structure, these two become the Department of Sociology, the Department of Social Work, the Department of World Language Studies and the Department of Ethnic and Gender Studies.

The department changes are scheduled to take effect on July 1. The college also is adding 22 faculty, and active searches are still underway for some of these positions.

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Hershan John

Tuesday, April 7, 2009
Scanlon Banquet Hall
6 pm

WSC Speaker Series Presents:

Hershan John is both a poet and a short fiction writer. He will read from his 2007 poetry collection, *"I Swallow Turquoise for Courage"* published by The University of Arizona Press. John says of his poetry, "My writing reflects who I am and where I come from. I am Navajo, and I am from Sand Springs, Arizona. My clans are of the Deer Spring People (my Mother's clan) and the Bitter Water People (my Father's clan). Other stories and poems come from my travels and from my friends and family who tell some of the greatest tales."

He received his BA in English and MFA in Creative Writing, both from Arizona State University. As a full time faculty member at Phoenix College, Arizona, he teaches composition, poetry and American Indian Studies courses.

His works have been widely published by anthologies and literary journals: Arizona Highways, Flyway-A Literary Review, Hayden's Ferry Review, Journal of Navajo Education, Puerto del Sol, Wicazo Sa Review, O Taste and See: Food Poems, Family Matters: Poems of our Families.

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The Voice will print some letters anonymously, but your name must be listed on the original letter (you must note that you do not want your name listed because we must speak to you personally to confirm the letter).

The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be dropped off at The Voice office in Ely Campus Center, room C-248, no later than 6 p.m. on the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Ethanol: The future of fuel?

Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

Here it is, the moment you all have been waiting for (and I'm sure you've been counting the minutes to this issues release): ethanol. For years now ethanol has been considered the future of alternative fuel for vehicles. It is currently the most common biofuel in the world and as oil looks more and more doubtful as being a part of our future, the interest in ethanol grows. But it is not exactly the path to the "promised land."

Ethanol is a bioalcohol (I briefly mentioned biobutanol, another type of bioalcohol, last week) that is usually found in alcoholic beverages. You know, hops and barley and stuff like that – that is where ethanol is conceived. More specifically, it is formed from the fermentation of sugars in wheat, corn, sugar beet, and sugar cane. Not to get too biologically/chemically technical, like I may have in the past, ethanol is derived from these crops through enzyme digestion, a process which results in the distillation and drying of the crops to produce ethanol that can be used as fuel.

Ethanol can be mixed with gasoline to any percentage, similarly to biodiesel, something this is done at many gas stations throughout the world. The best thing about ethanol is that it is clean and using E85 (15% ethanol/85% gasoline) can reduce emissions by 50%. It also has a higher octane rating than regular gasoline, which gives it more thermal efficiency (which is a good thing). However, ethanol is extremely corrosive to fuel systems (which is a bad thing). This isn't as much of an issue with E85 blends, but engine modifications must be made for higher

ethanol percentages.

OK, so it's not perfect, but so far so good. Wait, there's more. Compared to gasoline, ethanol takes much more fuel to produce the same work. Therefore, you have to fill up your gas tank more often when using ethanol, so it may not be cheaper than gasoline in the long run – despite what you may have heard. Staying on the money topic, some areas of the U.S. that use E85 sells their ethanol mixes for more per gallon than gasoline. Like, 30 to 40 cents more. Yet other places, like in the Midwest, sell it for 30 cents cheaper per gallon.

But the biggest controversy with ethanol is the production of it. The idea of planting crops and using them as eventual fuel is nice, but we sometimes forget that we use many of the same crops as a source of food. There is not enough space for farmers to produce crops for both fuel and food, because despite the need for cleaner fuel, we still have to eat. Here's a number to remember: 4%. That is the amount of America's total energy needs that would be covered if all ethanol-producing crops were used for fuel. What about the other 96%?

In theory ethanol is a great idea. But it may be too idealistic. We would like to believe that the answer to our energy issues and emission problems lie in our corn and wheat fields. It would make a nice story: the U.S. leads the way in planting ethanol crops, ethanol becomes the most used, most efficient fuel the world has known, greenhouse emissions decline, the atmosphere is saved from asphyxiation. But in reality, ethanol is not going to be the "magic" energy source that makes a drastic difference. It's another step in the right direction, but not the end of the road.

Student of the Week



Stats: Heather Young, 18, freshman, Ware, Mass.

Major: Business

If you could have any superpower what would it be?
Invisibility

What do you want to do when you graduate?
Travel to Italy with Caylin

If you could have one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?
Emily's mom's tuna macaroni

What was the last movie you saw in theaters?
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

What is your favorite thing about Westfield State College?
My roommate Cori

What did you do over spring break?
Going to Dairy Queen in Spencer
And seeing Keno, my friend
Andrea's dog

If you want to be
Student of the Week,
email
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Obama reverses Bush's policy on stem cell research

Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

President Barack Obama advocated for stem cell research during his campaign last year and followed through on Monday by signing an executive order that overturns the Bush Administration's policy. Bush's policy, set in motion by an executive order in 2001, prohibited federal funding of research on embryonic stem cells. Obama lifted the ban and said that the administration "will also vigorously support scientists who pursue this research."

These scientists have found that stem cells have the rare ability to change into any other kind of cell in the body. The argument is that these cells can transform into specialized cells that will help to treat diseases such as Parkinson's and diabetes. These scientists and supporters of the research argue that the embryos are from fertility clinics and are going to be destroyed anyway. On the other hand, conservatives in opposition to the research believe it is a moral issue and the Bush Administration instituted the ban because of the issue of defense of human life. Some conservatives believe it is a "slippery slope," as the National Right to Life Committee argued. However, President Obama countered this argument by promising that the government will not be able to open the "door to the use of cloning for human reproduction." He also promised the use of "strict oversight" and said that the majority of Americans believe that this research should be conducted.

Some of the key supporters of stem cell research



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include Michael J. Fox, who has Parkinson's disease, and former first lady Nancy Reagan, who believes that stem cell research can be used to help those with Alzheimer's, the disease that plagued her husband in his later years. Both of these individuals have praised Obama for issuing the executive order to overturn the ban.

After eight years of a ban on the federal funding of stem cell research, the policy has been overturned. As President Obama stated, "our government has forced what I believe is a false choice between sound science and moral values. In this case, I believe, the two are not inconsistent." Obama is clearly taking a sharp turn away from Bush policies and implementing his own policies which have the potential to make breakthroughs in the scientific world and in the lives of many Americans.

Westfield State academic departments expanded (cont. from page 2)

"We seek to infuse a sense of transnational social responsibility and global citizenship as part of the Westfield State College experience," said Robert A. Hayes, vice president for Academic Affairs. "Programs that focus on social change, national and international human diversity, world languages, cultures and literatures, gender, race, class, and social justice are central to today's education."

The Department of Social Work will house the bachelor of social work degree

program and potentially the Masters of Social Work program approved by the Westfield Board of Trustees on February 12. The program goes to the Massachusetts Department of Education approval process at this time.

The Department of Sociology will house the sociology major leading to a bachelor of arts degree. Sociology will continue to assist students in understanding and addressing social change, understanding different ways of life, and understanding

the social contexts within which social policy decisions are made.

The Department of World Language Studies will continue developing programs in both Spanish and French. Plans for the fall semester include adding Portuguese and Mandarin Chinese. The department also will offer minors in French and Spanish, and will petition to reinstate a Spanish major. The Department of Ethnic and Gender Studies will provide existing Women's Studies and

Multicultural and Ethnic Studies Programs in a traditional departmental structure. The EGS department will be the first of its kind in the Massachusetts state system and throughout the private colleges in the commonwealth. The department will offer minors in multicultural studies and women's studies and will petition for a major. Opportunity for faculty members across disciplines to be involved in the programs offered by Ethnic and Gender Studies will continue.

"Westfield State has a long history of being on the forefront of social change, being the first co-educational public higher education institution founded without barrier to gender, race or economic class," said Evan S. Dobbie, president, Westfield State College. "These programs are as timeless today as our founding mission was more than 150 years ago and we look forward to expanding opportunities and creating new worlds for our students."

Letter to the Editor

The Westfield Voice is a publication that gives a voice to the students of this college.

Students within the sphere of WSC's MCES program would like to raise their voices the article printed Friday, Jan. 30, 2009 regarding the J-Term. We are collectively protesting the arrogance, ignorance and injustice of the story that student Davenport presented on her visit to Belize for 3 credits. If a valuable experience is going to be accomplished then the students of J-Term need to understand the responsibility that accompanies their involvement. They are invited guests to a country and need to act accordingly as representatives of Westfield State. In the case of the Belize visit the student dishonored the experience and focused on the biased, prejudice that accompanies those Anglo-American white privileged people who do not first understand the history of themselves or the country they visit.

Belize is a small country the size of Massachusetts whose indigenous people the Mopan Mayan's were first threatened by Spanish conquest in the 1500s. The Mayan's managed to put up a strong enough rebellion against the Spanish settling on their land. However the Spanish controlled the waters surrounding the land mass and felt they were in charge. In 1638, English and Scottish buccaners, called Baymen, settled on the coast to gain a better position to attack Spanish ships. These settlers found logwood that proved to be useful in the wool dying industry of Europe. These settlers in true imperial and European fashion took over the lands with the logwood with no foresight to the displacement or destruction of the indigenous people living in Belize. Much of the Maya population was wiped out by disease and conflicts between tribes and the colonizing Europeans.

In the 1700s Africans were brought by the British to the settlement from Jamaica to work as slaves to cut the timber. This Imperial practice of the times created an avenue for the European empires to get wealthy on land and resources stolen from lands

of others. In the colonizers view these indigenous 'savages' were not of any importance and neither were the Africans they brought as slaves. Later the British would also harvest the mahogany found in the rich lands of Belize. In true colonization style the British renamed the Island British Honduras. As the British got wealthy on these woods the slaves and indigenous people of Belize remained marginalized and exploited. The working conditions remained wretched even after slavery was abolished in 1838. The Belize people speak English because of the colonization of the British. They also speak Creole and Spanish because of their early history. On Sept. 21, 1981, Belize finally attained full independence. That was just a short 28 years ago. The post-colonial effects are still being felt in Belize as they reorganize their government and create a system that benefits its citizens. On Feb. 8, 2008 Bean Barrow was the first black prime minister elected to Belize.

This is a history of a people that needs to be understood for the tragic ill affects of colonization on a beautiful diverse land. Angela Bunt wrote not a word of understanding in the article. To Ms. Bunt, we encourage a better understanding about the responsibility that is taken on when an article is written that represents people that cannot speak for themselves. These are the ethics of journalism. We would recommend that as a reporter-regardless of the fact that this publication is college and student based-that education in the communications area of journalism be obtained.

To the J-Term student Lauren Davenport, we would suggest that a full involved study of the history and experiences of a people like those of Belize be studied before imposing on a country. Although she stated she went to Belize for an Environmental Biology course, no were in the article did Davenport explain the student experience representing the curriculum. Nor was the advanced environmental practices that

Belize has developed mentioned. Belize protects 37% of its land-mass from environmental destruction. It is a land of 60% forest with only 20% land subject to human uses. Its biodiversity is rich, both marine and terrestrial, with a host of flora and fauna. Davenport should be aware that it is NOT "cool" for people to be impoverished and living on the margins of imperial wealth. She should know that starving dogs are not unique to Belize even though in her privileged live in the U.S. she does not have to confront them on a daily basis. She should know that the experience of having the honor to stay the night with a Mayan family does not equate to getting an intestinal disease. She should know that a woman in the hospital screaming should not become part of this article. She should know that by stating these words, "Being able to travel abroad and see a different country and how different it is. How much poverty there was, and how much trash and just...seeing that and comparing it to the U.S. was just mind-blowing" was an infliction of outright bias and prejudice that was related without conscious thought or understanding. This statement demonstrates the superior privilege that Davenport projects as a U.S. citizen. The U.S. has large degrees of poverty and trash, Davenport is just not looking for it in her own back yard. This elevates her position to superior to the Belize citizens which is an unfair prejudicial practice.

To the Dean we request that the J-Term be examined for its cultural value and diversity education that should be a vital part of its agenda. To be granted three credits in just a few weeks should be one of the hardest courses to complete. We are not saying the J-Term is not a valuable tool in the education process if use properly. We are saying, however, that this article points out that there is an import need of a more thorough pre-education before students are sent abroad as WSC representatives.

- Ginger Vannostrand

EDITOR'S DESK



Spring break is over, and the school year is most definitely winding down. As soon as I got back from vacation (which is a complete blur, many factors contributed to this) I felt a shift in my apartment.

My roommates, all six of us, are just a little bit nicer to each other. A little more willing to go out together on a week night, a little less angry to clean up our slum of an apartment. I mean, I don't volunteer to clean the back bathroom often but the other day I was scrubbing that ish like Cinderella.

Don't get me wrong, my roommates have nothing but love for each other, but I think we're all starting to realize that in a few short weeks we will no longer be living together in a pseudo-reality known as college.

The six of us have been having a lot of conversations about our summer plans. Some of us are going to festivals and beach houses, some of us are going broke, and some of us don't want to talk about it.

I, myself, am ready to take the next step. I'm at the tail-end of my college experience, and while I'd love to live and party with my friends for the rest of my life, it's time to get my career in motion. And to not clean 8-pound hair balls out of my shower drain.

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EDITOR'S DESK



March Madness is upon us, so for people like me who love sports and love gambling it is a very special time of year.

It is the perfect sporting event to bridge the gap between the NFL season and baseball season.

Even with the excitement I can't help but think I kinda stink at making picks. It's not easy.

For instance Wake Forest, a No. 4 seed, got up-ended in the first round. I had them in my championship game.

Wake Forest, I mind you, has three future NBA players on their roster. So to me this is quite a conundrum. How can teams with NBA talent be upset, while other teams with none make it to the Sweet Sixteen?

I am currently dead last in my pool, while our esteemed Editor-In-Chief leads. I give him credit where credit is due. His West Bracket was nearly flawless until Marquette lost last week.

I still stand by my statement before I made my picks. As long as I beat President Obama I will be content.

But with my luck, it's not looking good.

Until next week... peace everybody...

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WSC joins the Power Shift

Nicholas Langone
Voice Reporter

Friday February 27th marked the date of a monumental event in the nation's capital, Power Shift 2009. Power Shift is a national conference dedicated to educating and organizing our nation's youth to create an environmentally sustainable and just society.

This year twenty Westfield State students, in association with the schools MassPIRG chapter, joined more than 12,000 young people at the Washington Convention Center. This number was a staggering increase from the 5,000 that attended Power Shift 2007. During the day students were encouraged to attend a vast array of special workshops and speaker panels in order to empower the youth for the environmental movement. Some workshops educated students about contemporary environmental issues such as coal mining and nuclear energy; others sought to help students learn how to organize their community to create change. After the day's workshops, students reconvened at the convention center that night for keynote speakers. The organizers of the convention, the Energy Action Coalition, were able to get speakers whose words really carried a lot of weight. Some speakers included EPA administrator Lisa Jackson,

Congressman Ed Markey of the Massachusetts 7th Congressional District, author of Green Collar Economy Van Jones, Adam Gardner of Guster and a slew of other powerful voices. These speakers were very inspirational and really rallied the 12,000 strong to become part of the solution to today's environmental problems, rather than observers. Van Jones eloquently said "When you think you sit down, when you feel you stand up" and that's just what students did during Power Shift.

Perhaps the main focus of the Power Shift conference was to lobby Congress that Monday and the students were broken up by congressional districts and taught how. Lobbying involves trying to influence your representatives on a particular issue and of course the issue of the day was climate change. Students rallied outside of the capital building, wearing green hard hats which symbolized green jobs. After getting fired up there was a march to the House of Representatives to demand green house gas reduction, renewable energy and green jobs. The intention was to show the politicians that the countries power lies not in the hands of corporate interests, but in the burning desires of the youth. But the weekend wasn't over after meeting with our elected officials. After lobbying, many students participated in a direct action protest. The protest, dubbed the

Capital Climate Action, consisted of a march through the cities streets toward the congressional power plant. The power plant is primarily coal based and provides power to the White House, Congress, Supreme Court and other federal buildings. If this nation is ever to support clean, renewable energy, the institutions that govern us must be on board. Thousands of students, readily willing to be arrested for the cause, barricaded the gates of the power plant, not allowing any one in or out. Faced with possible tear gassing and arrests, the youth stood strong. Luckily no one was arrested and the protest was a success, as the power plant was shut down. I can't describe to you the feeling of marching through the streets with thousands of invigorated people, all with one goal.

This weekend was probably one of the most inspirational in my life. I gained not only knowledge but wisdom. I am an environmental science major and I learned that there is a lot more to be learned outside of the classroom. Many students talk about the issues but do any of them actually get involved? We have to exercise our democratic rights. In order for this country to see serious change the youth has to get in the game. This conference provided a lot of satisfaction by showing me that there are thousands of individuals like myself that are looking to make a change. Are you one of them?

WSC music show to benefit women's shelter in India

Westfield State College students will host a live music show from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Ely Main Lounge on Tuesday, March 24. Proceeds will benefit the Anweshi women's shelter in Calicut, South India. The event also features step-dancing and a variety of desserts.

The admission donation is \$2 for students and \$5 for college staff and the general public.

Westfield State students traveling to India in January 2010 in the college's J-Term studies program will visit the Anweshi women's shelter. The benefit is part of the Month Celebrating Women events in March at the college.

Additional Month Celebrating Women events include a talk on anthropologists Ruth Benedict and Margaret Mead

in the Faculty Center at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, and a Clothesline Project in the Dining Commons from March 23 to March 30.

The celebration concludes with a presentation on global gender justice by Alison Jaggar from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, March 31, in Wilson Hall's Savignano Auditorium, with a reception from 6 to 7 p.m. - Craig Phelon

Dobelle to lead Western Mass homeless advisory panel

The Leadership Council for the Western Massachusetts Network to End Homelessness* has unanimously chosen its chair, Evan S. Dobelle, president of Westfield State College, and its vice chair, Lynne Wallace, vice president, Dietz & Company Architects, Inc.

Geraldine McCafferty, the City of Springfield's point person on homelessness said, "Dr. Dobelle's experience and commitment to community service are nationally recognized. He is frequent lecturer on higher education and the Creative Economy and

successful urban revitalization."

Wallace has been an active proponent of affordable housing for many years, and is a member of the Northampton Housing Partnership. Dobelle and Wallace will provide leadership to the committee for the next year.

The Leadership Council is comprised of concerned citizens from both the public and private sector who are resolved to end homelessness in this region by shifting the response to homelessness to a response that is based on housing, not shelter. The council's efforts are part of a larger ini-

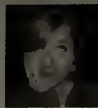
tiative by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to create a better response to this persistent and difficult social challenge.

The Leadership Council seeks to ensure the effective and cooperative participation of all of the region's public and private assistance providers, to build community support for the new approach, and to provide accountability to the community for public funds spent to address homelessness.

- Craig Phelon

The Angry Liberal

By Molly Coyle



First off, I would like to apologize for my absence these past two weeks. For those of you who don't know, I was involved in MTG's musical this semester and I didn't even have enough time to myself to pump out a column during the last two weeks but I'm back now and I missed being able to keep up with the news.

Over the last two weeks the name Rush Limbaugh has been saturating the news, making him the second most talked about topic after the economy, last week. So the question that everyone is asking: Who leads the GOP?

Rush Limbaugh, the radio host, has created what could be described as a democrat's dream. He has created a

lot of quarrelling within the Republican Party after Michael Steele, the chairman of the Republican National Convention, appeared on CNN's "D.L. Hughley Breaks the News" and said, "Rush Limbaugh, his whole thing is entertainment," Steele said. "Yes, it's incendiary. Yes, it's ugly."

The next day on his show Limbaugh, clearly insulted, demanded an apology, and what did Steele do? He apologized. Does this sound like Steele is really in charge of the Republican Party to you? It doesn't to me.

Now a lot of democrats have been practically peeing themselves with joy over the struggle in the Republican Party to get on

their feet again, and Rush Limbaugh is really just interfering with this effort, but even as a democrat I think the whole situation is absolutely ridiculous.

Rush Limbaugh is a radio host. His job is to entertain and get more listeners, not to speak for the Republican Party, so why did Michael Steele feel the need to apologize? This action just showed that the party clearly doesn't care as much about expanding the party's reach as it does about alienating its conservative base.

The attempts by the Republican Party to regain power have been rather pathetic. The fact that they happened to get a black chairman of the RNC comes off to me the same way as putting

Sarah Palin on the ballot came off: a feeble attempt to keep up with and copy whatever democrats are doing, but that's another story.

Despite how much I may disagree with many things on the agenda of the Republican Party I do think that it's important that they regain footing. The way I see it is that as long as democrats have overwhelming influence over all parts of the government, republicans will continue to feel alienated (much the way democrats did last term) and they will fight every bit of legislation democrats attempt to put forth.

President Barack Obama has stressed that he wants to work in a bipartisan manner but as long as republicans feel slighted they will

not be willing to cooperate, and with people like Rush Limbaugh interfering, this will not be able to happen.

So, here's one democrat, out of many I'm sure, who doesn't see Rush Limbaugh as a good thing for democrats. We don't need to pin democrats against republicans, especially when new legislation needs to be passed quickly to help during this economy crisis.

Michael Steele: stop listening to people who's only job it is to entertain listeners and do your job, and Rush Limbaugh: if you want people to take you seriously in politics, run for office and stop hiding behind your microphone.

A few U.S. states buck stem cell trend with bans

Maggie Fox
Washington Post

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Oklahoma politician Mike Reynolds believes the federal government has gone too far this time.

Days after President Barack Obama lifted limits on federal funding of human embryonic stem cell research this month, the state House passed a bill introduced by the Republican representative that would make much of such work illegal in his state.

"I absolutely believe that if the federal government messes things up, states have a right to straighten it out," Reynolds said in a telephone interview.

"I believe the federal government has infringed on several states' rights. The right to protect lives is one."

Other states are taking similar action to curb stem cell research. Their moves are reverse images of legislation in Maryland, New Jersey, California, New York and other states that passed their own laws encouraging and even funding stem cell research despite the restrictions under former President George W. Bush.

Reynolds said his bill will need some rewording before it passes through the Oklahoma state senate. "My motivation is to protect unborn children," he said.

The executive order from Obama, a Democrat, erased limits set by his Republican predecessor Bush on human embryonic stem cell research. The limits meant researchers could only use federal funds to work with a few batches, or lines, of the powerful cells that existed as of August 9, 2001.

Obama has left it up to the National Institutes of Health to control what scientists can do with federal money and opponents of embryonic stem cell research fear the NIH could open up the possibilities.

While most embryonic stem cell lines are now made from unused embryos from fertility clinics, there are some fears the NIH may allow or even encourage the use of cloning technology to make embryos as a source of cells.

OUTLAWING HUMAN CLONING

The trenches in this battle do not fall firmly along traditional abortion rights dividing lines. Some staunch opponents of abortion rights support human



It's an embryo, not the moon.

embryonic stem cell research, which supporters say could lead to insights that could provide treatments for diseases from diabetes to AIDS.

The Georgia state senate passed a bill last week outlawing the use of cloning technology to make a human embryo, and the bill specifically notes that stem cells from other sources, including stem-like cells called IPS cells, are not affected.

But the bill could put pressure on a traditional alliance of social conservatives and the business community.

A coalition ranging from academic institutions to

business interests and patient advocacy groups opposes the Georgia bill, said Charles Craig, president of Georgia Bio, which promotes the state's interest in the life sciences industry.

"Georgia should not do anything more restrictive than the federal government when it comes to scientific research," Craig said. He fears the measure, if it becomes law, would send a "negative signal" to the rest of the world and could "brand the state as being anti-science."

The Mississippi House passed a bill last week forbidding the University of Mississippi to use state funds for

Courtesy of www.newsdaily.com research that would destroy a human embryo.

A bill filed last week in the Texas legislature would ban the use of state funds for stem cell research.

Arizona already has a law on the books that says universities researchers cannot use state funds to manipulate embryonic stem cells in pursuit of treatment or potential cures.

Another Arizona law prohibits Arizona scientists from experimenting with any type of human embryo or fetus. Similarly, Louisiana prohibits research on embryos made in vitro fertilization or IVF clinics.

A Westfield State girl in Paris

Cait Penndorf
Editorial Editor

There haven't been many times in my life where I could say that I spent a week immersed in a foreign country and met more than a handful of influential people who have devoted their careers to the international and U.S. media. Over spring break that's exactly the experience I had. Professor Glen Brewster, Matt Castonguay and I were sent to Paris, France for an International Media Seminar. The seminar featured speakers ranging from Anne Swanson, the senior European editor for Bloomberg News Service to Adnan A. Siddiqi of the U.S. Embassy in Paris. We also visited newspapers such as "The International Herald Tribune," "Libération," and "France24," a CNN-like television news station based in France that broadcasts in French, English and Arabic, with hopes to add Spanish to the list. The seminar touched on many different aspects of the media such as digital media, photography, foreign correspondence, fashion, food and advertising. It was extremely interesting to hear people talk about their

experience with the media in France compared to our media coverage in the United States. One major difference noted is how it's considered inappropriate to cover a person's private life in the news. This is obviously very unlike our journalism practices in the United States, where almost every aspect of someone's life—professional and private—is considered fair game to reporters.

All of the speakers had so much experience in the media and such passion for what they had done or were currently doing. One speaker who stuck out in particular to me was Alan Riding, the former chief European cultural correspondent for the "New York Times." He spoke about journalism as a whole and had a lot of great insight on the future of newspapers and the revolution of blogging.

Another speaker I took a lot away from was the Chairman of the International Communication Department at the American University of Paris, Professor Waddick Doyle. He compared the United States and France's culture and media, which had some major similarities but also some major differences. The most notable differences in French media dealt with televi-

sion advertisements. The France abolished commercials after 8 p.m., and when movies are aired on TV only one commercial is allowed. This is because too many commercials could interfere with the director's "creative intent." The speakers were all so different, but incredible. Each one made me look at media and journalism in a different way.

As if meeting all of these incredible people and hearing their stories wasn't enough, we were also in a city filled with history and beauty. One girl I met there described Paris as being a birthday cake that'd been left out in the rain: it's highly decorated, but worn down with age, which really just adds to its beauty. It honestly didn't click that I was in Paris until at least the third day and now that I'm back home, it doesn't even feel like I went. It was such a surreal and amazing experience.

We of course did all of the typical tourist things, like visiting the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre. There was so much that I wanted to see and do, but it would have been impossible to fit everything into just one week. But now have the perfect excuse to go back.



First the White House, then your living room

Angela Bunt
Buntology.com

President Obama appeared on Jay Leno Friday night in the first TV talk show appearance by an active president, and managed to reassure the country while simultaneously charming the pants off of them. Or maybe that's just me.

Leno, NBC's late-night host whose interview tactics have annoyed the hell out of me in the past, seemed at ease with the President as they discussed the country's financial state, specifically AIG and corruption in big banks.

Obama, who said he believes Washington is like American Idol "and everybody is Simon Cowell," said he was stunned when he heard about the scandal with AIG.

"Who in their right mind decides—when their company is going bust—that

they're going to hand out a lot of bonuses," said the president.

When Leno suggested sending said people to jail ("It would make me feel good"), the ever-tactful Obama used a metaphor about home appliances to explain the situation.

"When you buy a toaster, if it explodes in your face there's a law that says your toasters need to be safe. But when you get a credit card, or

you get a mortgage, there's no law on the books that says if that explodes in your face financially, somehow you're going to be protected," said the president.

President Obama went on to say that we need "common-sense regulations" in the financial market so that American tax-payers aren't

taken advantage of.

"...One of the things that I'm trying to break is a pattern in Washington where everybody is always looking for somebody else to blame. And I think [Treasury Secretary Tim] Geithner is doing an outstanding job,"

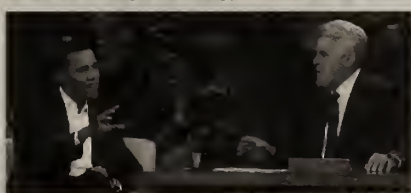


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said Obama. "I think that we have a big mess on our hands. It's not going to be solved immediately, but it is going to get solved. And the key thing is for everybody just to stay focused on doing the job instead of trying to figure out who you can pass blame on to."

In an attempt to use

"auto language" with Leno, the president explained that diagnostic tests were being run on banks to determine whether they were able to sustain lending or not. The government, Obama said, is also working to create separate credit lines outside of

banks for small businesses, and a securitized market for student loans and auto

loans. "We've got to solve the banking problem and we've got to solve issues like health care, energy, and education that will put us on a pathway for long-term economic growth," said President Obama.

After the final commercial break of the inter-

view, Leno and the president got down to the nitty gritty. Flying in Air Force One (Obama "thinks it's pretty cool"), basketball and bowling were all on the agenda. (Am I the only one who heard Obama liken his bowling score of 129 to the Special Olympics?)

When Obama tells Leno that his pick to win in the final four is the North Carolina Tar Heels, Leno can't help but mention that North Carolina is a swing state.

But Obama gets the last laugh after reassuring Leno and the audience that the White House dog will be arriving home shortly.

Said President Obama, "You know, they say if you want a friend in Washington, get a dog."

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7. Kanye West - Heartless
8. Jamie Foxx ft. TPain - Blame It
9. Miley Cyrus - The Climb
10. Lady GaGa ft. Colby O'Donis - Just Dance

Time Machine *by Franny Zupancic*

This Week in Music History

On April 4, Metallica will be honored with an induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. A week before this, they will even have their own Guitar Hero video game title in stores. In the following weeks where much well deserved attention will be given towards these heavy metal giants, it is equally important to remember those who paved the path to their stardom.

On March 24, 1979, Motörhead released *Overkill*, an album that would become an essential in the music libraries of heavy metal fans around the world. The album begins with the title track, "Overkill," thundering assault to stereo systems everywhere. The song really sounds as if it's three short songs linked into one track. It begins with stampeding double-bass by drummer Phil "Philthy Animal" Taylor, and coasts along with speedy distorted guitar work by "Fast" Eddie Clarke and grungy, gritty, raspy vocals by iconic frontman and bassist Lemmy Kilminster. The song appears to end, as it dies down to silence, only to be restarted again by another drum stampede and a guitar solo. Again, the song ends, but starts up again in the same manner.

It is worth noting that Motörhead's work on this album sounds like the collabo-



orative efforts of nearly a half dozen angry headbangers, but in reality the band only consists of three members. Lemmy's signature bass distortion style gives the band a full sound that makes up for not having two guitarists.

While the title track of *Overkill* is worthy of a purchase alone, the rest of the album is solid. Not every song is a head-banging roller-coaster, either. "Stay Clean" is a slower track reminiscent of blues-metal contemporaries Thin Lizzy, but again features the signature lead-bass work of Lemmy. Other key tracks on this album include "Damage Case," and "No Class," which features a main riff very similar to ZZ Top's "Tush."

It is very unfortunate that Motörhead has not received an induction into the Hall of Fame yet. While Metallica has been far more commercially successful by

comparison (fourth highest-selling band in the United States in Nielsen soundscan history), some of the success may not have come without Motörhead's presence in the industry and the history of heavy metal. Metallica lists Motörhead as an influence, recording "Motörheadache," a four song collection of Motörhead cover songs recorded to honor Lemmy on his birthday in 1995.

Where are they now?

In 2008, Motörhead released their 19th studio album, "Motörizer." In true Motörhead fashion, the album is a fist in the air that tells fans that classic heavy metal is not dead. The sixty-three-year-old metal legend rocks as hard as he did thirty or forty years ago. Motörhead is still getting major mainstream exposure, recording entrance themes for WWE star "Triple H," which

are heard and seen by millions every week on WWE programming. Classic Motörhead hit "Ace of Spades," along with Lemmy as a playable character, will be featured in the previously mentioned Guitar Hero: Metallica. Motörhead is also due for its second Guitar Hero downloadable content pack, which will be released to the Xbox 360 and PS3 sometime on April 23rd.

Weekend Box Office Sales

1. Knowing
2. I Love You Man
3. Duplicity
4. Race to Witch Mountain
5. Watchmen

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Watchmen: Making the transition from book to big screen

Matt Gosciminski
Movie Critic

After three directors, a handful of scripts, and a decent legal battle, *Watchmen* has finally hit theaters. Based off of Alan Moore's graphic novel which has often been dubbed "unfilmable," Zach Snyder has finally breathed life into source material that has been circulating for 20 years. And after catching two showings this past weekend I would have to say that I was not disappointed, though it wasn't entirely the epic experience I had hoped it would be.

For those of you aren't familiar with the gist,

"*Watchmen*" is set in an alternate reality in the 1980s where nuclear war with Russia looms ominously over everyone's head. Nixon is in his 3rd term as president, and masked vigilantes are a staple of the country's history. It is a movie that explores the idea that super heroes might not be so super after all, and that more often than not they are flawed, sometimes insane, and once in a while sociopathic.

The beginning of the movie sets the stage with a fan-

tastically filmed, sepia-tinted montage set to Bob Dylan's "The Times They Are a-Changin'," showcasing the rise and fall of the masked avenger movement. Beginning with the original team dubbed "The Minutemen" which depicts the good ol' glory days, up to their downfall as the masses cry out in protest against the current team, dubbed *Watchmen*, which results in a legal ban on masked crime fighters. The catalyst which sets the combination of these elements into motion is the beating and subsequent defenestration of The Comedian (Jeffrey Dean Morgan) which sets Rorschach (Jackie Earle Haley), a vigilante with a particular set of morals, on a path to uncover the truth beneath the murder. His probing into an elaborate conspiracy starts to affect the other retired heroes as their old urges to don latex and fight crime begin to surface once again.

One of my favorite things about this movie is the visual style. Aside from it being incredibly faithful to the graphic novel, it is a brand of eye candy all its own. Zach Snyder's obsession with the slow-down, speed-up, freeze-frame brand of filmmaking only intensifies already great cinematography. This

makes the fight scenes incredibly gratifying to watch- the addition of random slow motion allows us to capture every crunching connection in hi-definition brutality. And there is much brutality throughout the movie; it certainly isn't for the squeamish. This is exemplified in one scene where we watch Rorschach drive a butcher's blade again and again into the sweaty bald forehead of a man as blood spurts out like exploding ketchup packets with each impact.

All of the actors, despite not being well known, fit into their roles very well. The only performance that lacked somewhat was Silk Spectre II (Malin Akerman) who wasn't terrible but wasn't great either; she just didn't bring much to the table in terms of acting ability. If *Watchmen* were a picnic, she would be the one that brought the napkins. On the other hand, the high points in this movie



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were definitely the stories and flashbacks that fleshed out the characters. The two most interesting characters: Dr. Manhattan, a once-human turned super-being whose incredible power distances himself from humanity, and Rorschach, a sociopathic vigilante whose sense of identity lies in his "true" face which is his famous changing ink-blotted mask, are the heart and soul of the movie. Billy Crudup captures a sad being in his portrayal of Dr. Manhattan, one whose immense power is counteracted by his knowledge that he cannot change mankind's destructive nature and as the movie progresses we see his touch with humanity gradually fading. And Jackie Earle Haley proves to be a spot-on Rorschach, capturing a perfect blend of aggression, paranoia, and an unwavering sense of justice with just a hint of insanity to hold it all together.

This great peek into the origin of these characters' also brings about one of the downfalls of the film. Once we start getting to the conclusion of the story it feels as if it is running out of steam after giving us such powerhouse, character-driven segments. The end also seems a bit rushed which isn't terrible considering the movie runs at 2 hours and 45 minutes, but the immensity and complications that the end imply don't fully sink in and take effect as a result. Hopefully this is something that will be remedied when the directors cut hits shelves (supposedly to run at about 3 hours and 45 minutes for you other *Watchmen* fanatics).

My only other gripe about this movie is that some of the song choices were absolutely God awful and came close to the ruining the scenes they were supposed to enhance. There is a rainy funeral scene done to Simon and Garfunkel's "Sound

of Silence" which seemed completely out of place and only reminded me of Will Farrell in "Old School" floating unconsciously in a pool with a tranquilizer dart jutting from his neck.

There was also some obscure cover of "Hallelujah" done to a sex scene, and a randomly thrown in version of "All Along the Watchtower" by Hendrix which only removed me from the viewing experience and made me wonder what the hell the sound guy was thinking. I don't mean to bash the soundtrack completely; some of the original score was very good. The song playing in the background during Dr. Manhattan's back story (which showcased how he came to be) fit in beautifully and made it my favorite scene of the movie.

Overall my thoughts are still somewhat conflicted on the movie. It's hard to judge it as a film in itself because I hold the graphic novel in such high regard. The graphic novel encompasses a wide variety of themes and elements within its pages and I have to give credit to the crew to have preserved so much in its transition to film, but it does suffer somewhat. There are some parts of the graphic novel that are simply lost in the translation, partly due to the fact that Moore wrote *Watchmen* with the intent to explore what the comic book medium was capable of that other forms of entertainment were not.

All in all I think the movie stands perfectly fine on its own, you certainly don't need to have read the original material to appreciate it. Though it isn't as epic as "The Dark Knight" like I hoped it would be, it is indeed worth the 10 some-odd dollars to see it in theaters.

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EDITOR'S DESK



If you haven't seen the movie "Love You Man," go see it. I saw it over spring break and it was an instant classic in my mind. Jason Segel is right up there with Seth Rogen and the rest of the Apatow comedy clan as the greatest comedy group of our generation. I think that became official in the movie "Knocked Up" when Harold Ramis, comedy god of the 80s, made an appearance as Seth Rogen's stoner dad and basically passed down the reins to Rogen and Apatow. Anyways, go see Love You Man. Rudd and Segel together is comedy gold.

March Madness is in full effect and I have to admit I have been pretty lucky so far. I am winning a couple of my brackets and as long as Louisville goes the distance I'll be in pretty good shape. However, I do have UNC and Duke both being eliminated before the Final Four so who knows how my brackets will turn out.

I'm really excited to see 2/3 of Dispatch on spring weekend. Having the concert in Woodward will be interesting but we'll see how it works out. As long as the beer tent is still open I'll be a happy guy.

Have a great weekend everybody!

Song of the week: Talking Heads - This Must Be The Place (Naive Melody)

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Francis, Braddigan and O'Reilly bring excitement to Spring Weekend

Kevin Loftus
Special Contributor

One of the most popular events here at Westfield State College is undoubtedly Spring Weekend. Every year, Spring Weekend promises two days jam packed with events and activities for everyone. This year, the Campus Activities Board has announced that Pete Francis and Braddigan, both formerly of Dispatch, will be performing at Spring Weekend, which will be held for the first time inside the Woodward Center. The concert is April 18 at 3:30 p.m., rain or shine.

Pete Francis will be joining forces with rising jam-band Barefoot Truth, on their "one band, one tour" arrangement. The quintet has been dazzling audiences all over the east coast, featuring Barefoot Truth songs, Pete Francis songs, and classic Dispatch tunes. Recent Youtube video's suggest that songs like "Mama's Minstrel" and "Two Coins" will feature both acts at



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their finest.

Braddigan will play a set featuring his band, following Pete Francis featuring Barefoot Truth. Famous for his amazing vocals and rhythmic music, Braddigan is promoting his new live album "Live @ the Belly Up." Brad is well known for playing spirited renditions of songs made famous with Dispatch, such as "Fallin, Prince of Spades," and "Past the Falls." Rumors has it that Braddigan and Pete Francis frequently join each other onstage to perform Dispatch classics, much to any crowd's delight.

Westfield's own acappella group "The Night Owls" will be opening up Spring Weekend.

Earlier in the year, the group featured members of Barefoot Truth during a performance in Dever.

Additionally, comedian Rob O'Reilly is making his much anticipated return to Westfield State College on the Friday of Spring Weekend. Last January, the young comedian made his first visit to the college, and made a packed house laugh until it hurt. For all the details on this year's Spring Weekend, which is April 17 and 18, join the Facebook group "Stuff To Do, Woohoo!" and look for the Facebook Event "Spring Weekend 2009."

Gary Mule Deer performs at Westfield State

Colby Henderson
Editor-In-Chief

For years, Gary Mule Deer has opened for headlining musicians such as Johnny Mathis, Ray Charles, and Roy Orbison. Deer has performed in every major casino in Las Vegas, Reno, and Atlantic City. This past Tuesday, Deer brought his act to Westfield and performed in front of students and faculty in the Woodward Center.

The evening began with a slideshow of Deer's career which included clips from his appearances on The Tonight Show with Johnny Carson and The Late Show

with David Letterman. Mule Deer then took the stage sporting an all black suit with red shoes, which bared a striking resemblance to one of his

idols, Johnny Cash, minus the shoes. Deer, who is known for his off-beat humor and song parodies, began by playing Johnny Cash's "Ring Of Fire," which led to him dropping his

guitar pick into the guitar upon singing the lyrics "I fell in to a burning ring of fire." Throughout the performance, Deer would often catch the audience off guard with his crazy antics, including talking to his imaginary band behind him during the performance of Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues" and Waylon Jennings' "Mama's



Comedian Gary Mule Deer

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Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys." At one point, Mule Deer told the audience he was going to re-enact a scene from the 1974 film "Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore" and walked offstage and proceeded to walk to a nearby exit door where he knocked several times, paused, and asked "did she move?"

One of the highlights of the night was when Deer performed one of his most famous bits, which involves a rubber chicken, an arrow, and a guitar and has been performed on both Carson and Letterman in the past. Deer dug deep into his prop bag and grabbed his rubber chicken who he managed to hold a conversation with while duck taping it to the microphone stand. Deer then grabbed an arrow and headed to the end of the stage where he used his guitar as a bow and with the crowd support behind him, was able to knock the chicken off the microphone stand in only two tries. According to Deer he has been lucky enough to have enjoyed a very good year due in part to him being mentioned by Steve Martin in his autobiography and also because of a performance at Carnegie Hall back in January which he considered an honor.

Senior Chillson ices the competition in first year at Westfield State

Greg Petersen
Special Contributor

WESTFIELD—His presence on and off the ice will be missed. Westfield State College senior hockey captain Jeff Chillson just finished up a stellar season with the Owls in their first season as a varsity program in 20 years.

Moving up from club status, the Owls went 11-9-4 (7-7-3 MASCAC) in 2008-09, earning an ECAC Tournament playoff berth before falling short to Nichols in the quarterfinals. Chillson, the only senior on the team this year, was a key contributor to the first-year varsity program as he finished third in points on the team with 36.

The 5-foot-10 center transferred to Westfield State from Salem State this past year after being recruited to play for the Owls by first-year head coach Jerry Keefe. He said that it was a special thing to be recruited by Westfield. After being named team captain in the preseason, he was looked up to as a leader on the team because he was the only senior.

"There were a lot of unanswered questions up in Salem," said Chillson, who is majoring in business finance in the hopes of one day owning his own business. "It made sense to come here. It's a brand new team. I knew there was a lot of history here and I knew it was going to be a good year. I thought when I came in during the preseason I was a leader for the guys. We did a lot on and off the ice and I thought I was a good fit here."

Chillson began his career in hockey at the age of seven when his aunt brought him to Twin Rinks in Enfield, Conn., where he grew up. He picked skating up pretty quickly and has continued to skate and play hockey throughout his life.

At Femi High School in Enfield he continually progressed and became an even better player. He even helped his team make the quarter and semi-finals in the state tournament. During his junior and senior years he played for the Junior Falcons in Springfield.

"The Junior Falcons brought me on in November because they lost a player," said Chillson. "I would practice with them and it was more like a tryout for me.

Between high school hockey and juniors, there is a huge difference. It really helped me prepare for playing in college because the speed of the game was so much faster than what I was used to. It took me about two to three weeks before I could even catch up with the rest of the team."



WSC captain Jeff Chillson

As Chillson has been primarily a forward, playing defense for one year before college helped him. He said that it has helped his game even more by being able to play multiple positions. Although when it's all said and done he would rather play forward because it gives him the ability to score goals, one of his favorite things to do in hockey.

Chillson was tied for third in goals on the Owls with 13. He also added 23 assists to end up with 36 points on the year. In his hockey career he has played 77 games and scored 21 goals with 33 assists to finish with 54 points.

Switching schools was not difficult for Chillson this year as both Westfield and Salem are state schools, so he said he made the transition fairly easily. He said the classes are about the same and that being at Westfield means that he is closer to home and his family in Enfield. When he has free time he likes to cross the border and visit his family and friends.

Westfield's success on the ice this season came at the hands of sophomore Dennis Zak, freshman Pat Nelson and Chillson, as the trio led the Owls in points this year. Chillson said that playing with the two of them was a lot of fun and that they really clicked together. He had the confidence in both Zak and Nelson that they could make a

play if he wasn't able to.

The first game back at Amelia Park in 20 years for the Westfield State hockey team was especially nerve-racking for Chillson and the Owls. He said that it was really fun playing in front of packed stands for the home opener and that he would never forget it.

Another game that stands out for the senior was against UMass Boston in the Codfish Bowl. Chillson described it as one of the most competitive games of the season and said that every player put in a little extra effort to help the team win. The Owls were down 4-1 in the third period with only 13 minutes left to play and Chillson scored the second goal to get the comeback going and the team went on to win in overtime. Chillson also noted that a lot of the players from Westfield played on UMass before coming to Westfield and that they really wanted to win that game.

"When we won the Codfish Bowl I knew we had a special team," he said. "We had a really good chance for great things this year. The chemistry is great right now and I think next year the team is going to do some good things."

When he's not at the rink Chillson likes to spend his time playing street hockey or shooting on goal in his driveway. Growing up he idolized Mario Lemieux's talent to do anything on the ice and his ability to score at will.

Chillson's current favorite player is Marc Savard of the Boston Bruins. He admires the way Savard is able to handle and pass the puck so easily.

When Chillson is not out playing hockey somewhere, he can be found at the gym working out or just hanging out with his friends like every other college student. He will graduate after the fall 2009 semester and plans to stay in contact with both the team and his friends from Westfield.

Recently, Chillson was honored by being selected to the 2008-09 ECAC Northeast Hockey Division III All-Conference second team. He was the only Owl honored in the 13-team Division III conference.

Jaehning Completes Stellar Career

Hard work, passion, consistency, versatility. These qualities are all part of the make-up of an exceptional athlete. Basketball player Dave Jaehning exhibited all of these qualities during his four years at Westfield State.

Head coach Rich Sutter has seen many stand-out players emerge during his 11 years at the helm of the Owls basketball program. However, Jaehning's four years have been played at another level.

"The best, without question," said Sutter, when asked to compare Jaehning to others who have passed through his program. "And I think he will end up among the best in school history."

Jaehning ranks eighth on Westfield State's all-time scoring list with 1,310 career points. It is not just his scoring ability that made the 6-4 guard from Quincy, Mass., one of Westfield's all-time best.

As he grew as a player at Westfield State, so did his versatility. During his senior season, Jaehning led the Owls in scoring (14.9 points per game), rebounding (6.8), steals, and assists.

"He shows up in so many categories. Rebounding, steals, assists. Dave takes charges, dives for loose balls, basically whatever it takes to win," said Sutter. "A good basketball player knows what needs to get done. He does a tremendous amount of things in a lot of areas."

Westfield State senior Matt Badjo played enough with Jaehning to realize how much of an impact he can have on a team.

"It is his overall court presence. He is the backbone of this team. When the game is on the line, you know he can get the job done," said Badjo.

Jaehning also knows the importance of being able to adapt to the team's needs. This was especially true when an injury to Badjo, the starting center and low post scoring threat, went down with an ankle injury during the Bahamas Classic in January. After dropping both of their games in the Bahamas, Jaehning poured in 25 points to go along with six steals, five rebounds and four assists in a huge conference opening win at Bridgewater State.

"I felt like the

scoring needed to be picked up. It was just a matter of adjusting to what we needed," said Jaehning, a graduate of Boston College High School in Dorchester.

During his four years at Westfield State, Jaehning earned numerous individual accomplishments, including MASCAC rookie of the year and all-conference honors during his junior and senior seasons. More importantly, the team enjoyed great success under Jaehning's direction, as it won more games (72 victories) with him in uniform than any other four-year span in school history.

It is this kind of leadership that catches the attention of both a coach and teammates.

"It is his leadership on the floor. Dave is consistent and works hard. He provides a good role model for the younger players. He lets his performance speak for itself," said senior point guard Chris Kinback.

"Intensity is what you look for in an athlete. And he has that," said Sutter.

Clearly, the Westfield State basketball program has been fortunate to have a player like Dave Jaehning putting on an Owls jersey over the past four seasons. A big part of Jaehning's decision to come to Westfield was his brother Pat, a former captain for the Westfield State baseball team.

"He was definitely an influence. I would also say that the new gym (Woodward Center) and knowing some of the recruits were also factors in my decision to come here," said Jaehning. "I knew I could home here and help the team out. I realized that I could make an impact."

This passion for the game has enabled Dave Jaehning to put a significant stamp on the Westfield State basketball program. His all-around play, ability to play any position and desire to win have made him one of the best players in the program's history. Sutter is proud and not surprised with the way Jaehning's collegiate career evolved.

"I told him I felt like he could become one of the first players to make it to the (Westfield State) Hall of Fame under my tenure. And I think when it is all said and done, he will," said Sutter.

Gomes, Landry Earn ECAC Honors

MEDFORD - Senior Nathan Landry (Chelmsford) and junior Marc Gomes (Springfield) placed in the ECAC Division III indoor track and field championships held March 6-7 at Tufts University.

Landry finished sixth in the shot put with a heave of 47-9 1/4, while Gomes

placed seventh in the 200 meter dash in 22.70. Landry and Gomes also finished 14th in the weight throw (48-5 1/4) and 55 dash (6.69), respectively.

Also competing for the Owls were Todd Kittelson (10th, 400 meter dash, 51.28) and Jon Joyce (mile run, 4:31.94).

Arouca, Hancock Earn ECAC Honors

MEDFORD - Junior Kerry Arouca (Hanson) and senior Caitlin Hancock (Cumberland, Maine) placed in the ECAC Division III indoor track and field championships held March 6-7 at Tufts University.

Arouca finished fourth in the mile run with a school record and NCAA national provisional qualifying

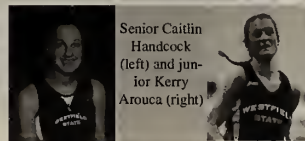
time of 5:03.43. Caitlin Mullarkey of Swarthmore (Pa.) College posted a winning time of 4:59.54.

Hancock tied for fifth in the high jump by clearing 5-3 3/4.

Also competing was Westfield senior Marianne Mealey, who placed 17th in the 5,000 meter run (18:51.97).



Nathan Landry heaves the shot put. Photo by Tom Moriarty



Senior Caitlin Hancock (left) and junior Kerry Arouca (right)

Westfield Downs Amherst, 8-5

WESTFIELD - Freshman third baseman Matt Kelly was 2-for-3 with two RBI, and freshman outfielder Alex Xiarios was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI to lead Westfield State to an 8-5 victory over Amherst College in non-conference baseball action on Wednesday, March 25.

It was the home opener for the Owls, who improved to 7-5. The Lord Jeffs are 7-4.

Westfield was out-hit, 11-9, but Amherst committed six errors, including three in the Owls' four-run seventh inning.

Westfield committed no errors and received solid performances from six pitchers in the nine-inning game. Senior captain Josh Perches pitched the first three innings and freshman Aaron Messier threw the fourth and fifth frames.

The Owls opened the scoring with two first-inning runs. Xiarios doubled

down the left field line, advanced to third on a single by Ben Wagner, and scored on a wild pitch. Ben Campbell reached safely on an error by the second baseman and Kelly ripped an RBI single off the foot of Amherst pitcher Teddy Blank.

Scott Shaffer rapped a run-scoring single in the third inning for the Lord Jeffs, but the Owls countered with an RBI single by Xiarios in the fourth to make the score 3-1.

Amherst closed with a run again, 3-2, in the seventh on a two-out RBI double by Michael Neff.

In the home half of the seventh, however, Westfield crossed the plate four times

on only one hit. Mike Trachtenberg led off with a single, then the Owls took advantage of three Amherst miscues, stole a base, drew a walk, and executed two sacrifice bunts.

Westfield scored its final run in the eighth on two more Amherst errors to take an 8-2 lead. Amherst scored three runs on three hits in its final at bats, including a two-run double by Neff.

Neff was 4-for-5 with two doubles and three RBI and Shaffer was 2-for-4 with an RBI.



Owls Junior Jeff Fields

Schilling retires after distinguished career

Theresa Dollfuss
Sports Reporter

Curt Schilling announced his retirement from Major League Baseball this past Monday on his blog 38pitches.com.

While it was pretty much common knowledge that Schilling would retire, it is still a little sad to see him go. He will be missed and remembered in Red Sox nation.

When Theo Epstein signed Curt Schilling before the 2004 season, Schilling came to Boston promising to break the "Curse of the Bambino" and deliver a World Series Championship to Boston. Lo and behold, he did that for Boston fans in his very first season.

One of the most memorable parts of that 2004 playoff race is Curt Schilling's bloody sock. Not only did he pitch through a painful injury, he delivered in fine fashion, helping to lead the Red Sox to their first World Series Championship in 86 long years.

Not only did Schilling promise and deliver one championship to Boston, but in 2007 he helped the Red Sox deliver another championship.

Schilling's age was wearing down on him, coupled with injury, but he still got the job done. He held on in his 20+ years of experience and pitched his way into

victory.

Schilling didn't pitch during the 2008 season, so he goes out with a bang. His last game was during the 2007 World Series, which the Red Sox won. Ending your career with a victory in the World Series sounds good to me.

Boston fans will always remember what Schilling did for this ball club. Now the question is, will and should Major League Baseball recognize all that Schilling has done?

Teams that Schilling has played for can vouch for his skills and his ability to take the ball when it counted the most. Over his 23 years in the majors, he has 3 World Championships under his belt.

Schilling went out there every 5 days and went to the mat each time. Evidence of that is the bloody sock incident of 2004. There are a million reasons why he shouldn't have pitched in that game, but the World Series Championship he wanted outweighed them all.

Should Curt Schilling make it into the Hall of Fame? Yes, I think he should. Time will tell if he gets voted into the Hall of Fame and if others agree that he should be immortalized in baseball history.

Now it's time to say goodbye to Curt Schilling. Hopefully we will see you in Cooperstown.

Wagner named player of week

Westfield State College junior shortstop Ben Wagner was named the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASC-SAC) baseball player of the week.

The Cumberland, R.I., resident batted .447 (17-for-38) during the Owls' 10 Florida games, with a double, triple, six RBI

and three steals. He had an on-base percentage of .500. For complete information, go to www.masccac.com.

Westfield State is scheduled to play Elms College on Tuesday, March 24, at MacKenzie Field in Holyoke. The Owls' home opener is Wednesday, March 25, vs. Amherst College.

FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

Well, it's been almost four weeks since I've taken up space in our quality college news publication and I must say, I've missed it. Not writing this piece for a month surprisingly, As Ray Liotta says in "Field of Dreams," "It's like having part of me amputated."

This week, I'm going to share with you one more thing to add to my list of things I just can't seem to get enough of, for better or worse. Paula Creamer, Coca-Cola, cigars and golf now have gambling to keep them company in my list of five favorite things. Obviously, this time of year is one of the best to scratch the surprisingly tempting itch to throw away loads of money on sporting events which I have no control over the outcome.

Its March Madness time and that means one thing: I'm

in the red to a bunch of kids who won't ever let me forget that. Let me start with the Midwest portion of my bracket since, I tend to like the bad news first. Wake Forest got upset by Cleveland State, 13 over 4 which pretty much ruined my chances of winning anything since I took Wake Forest all the way to the title game; because I'm stupid. I also managed to miss Dayton over West Virginia, Siena over Ohio State and USC over BC. Basically, this whole side of my bracket is in worse shape than Gary Busey circa 1988.

Alas, when things look their bleakest, there is still a light at the end of the tunnel. At least until Gonzaga upsets UNC in the next round. Then I'll be able to return being a casual fan, except I'll be officially down \$250. C'est La Vie, I suppose. UNC fans, be forewarned, the last time I felt

this certain about an upset, the Giants beat the Patriots in the Super Bowl. All I'm saying.

And since I'm out of that for all intents and purposes,

"Apatow's New Romantic Comedy."

I have to say, I'm pretty excited about my team. It's not the best in the league but my

pitching staff may very well be. 1-2-3 reads Tim Lincecum, Brandon Webb and Jon Lester and my bullpen is anchored by Joakim Soria of Kansas City. The league we're in

has me prematurely salivating. I can't wait to gain 20lbs in the first four weeks of the season watching DirectTV's free MLB Extra Innings preview weeks keeping up with each and every bum on my team.

Well, I've used up about a page on word and I'm, surprisingly enough, running out of things to say. I apologize for mailing it in this week but I've been so very busy with work, classes and three rehearsals a night for the past couple weeks in from trips to Paris and Florida. I know, why should you cry for me? Any who, best of luck to those of you who weren't dumb enough to put Wake Forest in the title game and still have a shot at finishing with a respectable bracket. I'm going to go listen to Adam Carolla's newest podcast and kill a six pack of Newcastle. Until next time..



Paula Creamer. OcOolala

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I've turned my attention, for the most part, to my fantasy baseball team this year, Xavier NADY Light in the league

has a \$75 buy in and is comprised of 14 players so, the pot is pretty large this year and with that pitching staff, it

MLB Predictions: AL Divisonal Winners



Colby Henderson



Jeff Dale



Matthew Castonguay



Pat Dayton



Dan Swartz

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Tampa Bay Rays

AL East:
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New York Yankees

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Chicago White Sox

AL Central:
Cleveland Indians

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Los Angeles Angels

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Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

Your chart energy is being directed at your personal relationships and interactions you have with others. This is when you totally have to step up and speak your mind. This energy is all about doing whatever is necessary to unlock the real and true potential from within you.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

This transit is designed to slow you down so you can focus more clearly upon where you're at and what you are doing. It reminds you to organize your actions and efforts so you can get the most done with the least amount of personal effort.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

It looks like you guys are in playtime mode. This is when your most inventive and creative ideas tend to rise to the surface. It's also the time when others always seem to need you the most, or look to you for answers or solutions to their problems.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

There's a lot of intensity and emotion built into this week's chart energy. So it's almost critically important to hold it together emotionally and not allow yourself to overreact or to say things you'll later regret. You just have to suck it up for a while because you're not seeing the whole truth.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

Your week will work much better as long as you keep the vibe on the lighter side and refuse to take yourself and what you do too seriously. At the same time, others are depending upon you to do what you said you'd do. There is the need to follow through on your promises and commitments.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

There are all kinds of both financial and long term career implications in this week's chart. This is when the universe is doing what it can to put you on the path that leads you toward your hopes, dreams, and wishes.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

You're in your high cycle of the month right now. So that means to pull out the stops and to totally go after everything you want. This is when the planets are favoring and amplifying your words and actions. The trick is to try to direct it toward the actions that will bring you the most good.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

Your week starts out in what can be a difficult emotional time. What happens is that you start picking up the thoughts and feelings of others so strongly that it can be hard to identify which are yours. This could wear you out, so it's very important to get as much extra rest as possible during this phase.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

Your chart is putting the emphasis upon being able to personally change. That means being able to reconsider your current ideology when it fails to stack up to the greater truths. The universe expects you to think your own thoughts. That means ignoring popular opinion and trying new things.

Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

It's like all of a sudden the lights come on and everybody seems to see and discover you. This is when it seems that you have everything people want. It will be very easy to get carried away with yourself, so find a way to keep your ego in check.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

No matter what level of knowledge you have regarding certain subjects, you might come across a little shy or quiet if those subjects are being debated. Getting pulled into the debate isn't really in your best interest either though because you can rush your thoughts.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

This week's transit will surely have a way of waking up long standing passions and desires. Not only that, but the more you do, the more energy you'll receive. This is a great time for love and romance.

*courtesy of weeklyhoroscope.com

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*Courtesy of www.puzzle.com

Katrina Powell, The College Chef

Winter Pineapple Shish kabobs

***no grill needed!**

Ingredients (makes 2-4 skewers)

- 1 package steak tips
- 1 package sliced chicken breast
- 2 green peppers
- 2 red peppers
- 1 container pineapple juice
- 2 bottles Hawaiian marinade (any generic brand will do)
- 2 sticks butter-melted
- Metal or wood skewer sticks
- Peppercorn seasoning

To prepare: Pour 2 ? cups Hawaiian marinade, 1 stick melted butter, and 1/2 cup pineapple juice into a large bowl. Cut the chicken breast into small

size pieces, similar to that of the precut steak tips. Place beef and chicken into the bowl. Make sure that all pieces are completely submerged in marinade. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least one hour.

Preheat conventional oven to 300 degrees. Take a large baking sheet and cover with aluminum foil. Coat the foil with non-stick cooking spray. Next, wash and cut peppers into small ? size pieces. Remove the meat from the marinade, and place on skewer sticks, alternating between beef, chicken, and peppers. Place on baking sheet at least 1 inch away from each other. Pour the remaining stick of melted butter mixed over the finished skewers. Now sprinkle an even coating of peppercorn seasoning onto each skewer. Bake for 20-30 minutes.








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Sun 3/29	High 51 Low 36 	Showers 40% Chance of Prec.
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Dining Commons

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-8:00p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 8:00a.m.-1:30p.m. & 4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.

*Cyber Cafe located in the Dining Commons is open 24 hours with limited self service

Subway

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-11:00p.m.

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Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

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Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

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Saturday 12:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

Sunday 1:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

Pandini's

Monday-Sunday 8:00a.m.-12:00a.m.

The Perch

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Garden Cafe

Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

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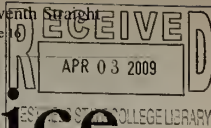
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Friday 8:30a.m.-4:00p.m.

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Students want change in school bookstore policy

Greg Petersen
Voice Reporter

Ever left the campus bookstore angry? You aren't alone.

Westfield State College is looking at changing bookstore companies because of resentment from students over the past couple years, and the fact that Follett's current contract is up. Nothing has been finalized just yet. The college is just ensuring that Westfield obtains the best possible solution for the whole campus.

"The bookstore takes advantage of students who live on campus because they aren't able to drive off campus to get their books," junior Jason Blunt said. "It's like we are paying for the convenience of it being on campus. We are in a recession and sometimes the prices of the books get a little ridiculous."

Blunt also noted that the long lines buying and returning books also tend to frustrate students. Students have often complained about how much money they get back from returning books because they pay so much and get so little or

nothing at all in return.

"I buy books for almost \$600 each semester and will only get back around \$75-\$80 when I return them," senior Steve Wolfson said. "For the bookstore to make more than \$500 off of me is a little much because you know they sell them the next semester for around the same price as I bought them before."

The college currently has Follett as their primary bookstore provider. The company has already put in a bid to remain the campus' bookstore. According to the President of the Student Government Association (SGA), Jessica Mowatt, another notable company that has put in a bid is Barnes and Noble. Whether the college decides to remain with its current provider is uncertain at this point.

"We can't speak for the decision making strategies of the school, but I can say it is more than dollars," said Elio DiStasio, public and campus relations director for the Follett Higher Education Group when asked if the bid includes how much the company is willing to pay the college to have them use

their company. "It is a combination of many metrics (services, expertise, staffing, training...etc.)."

When asked about student complaints, DiStasio said that Follett does not handle the complaints and that all of those problems are handled by the college.

A bookstore committee has already been setup by Mowatt. It consists of two students, one in which is herself, and faculty and other members of the campus.

"The new company would go into the space in the new construction, which is happening either way. We are close to the end of our contract and I believe Dr. Dobbelle just wanted to see what else was out there," Mowatt said.

Dr. Dobbelle will read the recommendations from the bookstore committee but in essence will make the final decision. The topic was brought up in SGA so we were aware of what was going on and also to get two students to sit on the committee."

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Jared Diamond
Photo courtesy of wsc.ma.edu

Jared Diamond to speak at Westfield

Jared Diamond, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book *Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies*, will speak at Westfield State College at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 8, in the Woodward Center. A public reception at 6 p.m. offers audience members an opportunity to meet the author.

The presentation is part of the Westfield State College Foundation Speaker Series, which is free and open to the public.

Guns, Germs and Steel, which was also made into a National Geographic series, tackles such giant questions as why do some societies thrive and prosper, while others shrivel and die; how can humanity maximize the opportunity for

human happiness, while saving the planet from ecological ruin and collapse; are there lessons we can learn from other great civilizations who have grown to world dominance?

The book dismantles racially based theories of human history by revealing that environmental factors are primarily responsible for the progression of human societies.

"Jared Diamond is one of the most knowledgeable and interesting scientists we have today," said Evan S. Dobbelle, president of Westfield State College. "He not only asks the broad questions, but leads us throughout the world to find the answers."

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Speakers on civil society, politics in Africa

Aisatta Tall-Sall, a lawyer and activist in Dakar, Senegal, and Penda Mbaw, a history professor at the University Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar, will be in western Massachusetts from Friday, April 3, to Thursday, April 9, to share their perspectives in a speaker series, "Africans on Africa: Gender, Generation and Globalization."

Mbow, former minister of culture for Senegal, is one of the world's leading voices on the rights of women in Islamic societies.

Tall-Sall, former Senegalese minister of informa-

tion and communication, is committed to democratization, social justice, and government accountability.

The series, coordinated by Five Colleges, Inc., takes place at Westfield State College in Westfield, Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley and Smith College in Northampton. Three events in the series are free and open to the public.

Mbow and Tall-Sall will speak at 7 p.m. Monday, April 6, in Scanlon Banquet Hall at Westfield State College on "Women and Senegalese Politics: Life Stories and Community Dialogue." A recep-

tion will follow.

Senegalese film director and writer Ousmane Sembene's short film *Heroism of Everyday Life* will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, in Gamble Auditorium, Art Museum Building, at Mount Holyoke College.

Samba Gadjigo, a professor in the French and African American and African Studies departments at Mount Holyoke, will introduce the film. A panel discussion with Mbow and Tall-Sall will follow.

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Useful Phone Numbers:

Bookstore - 5657
Public Safety - 5262
Information Technology - 5528
Library - 5231

Wellness Center Hours:

Sunday - 1:00pm-8:00pm
Monday-Wednesday - 6:30am-10:00pm
Thursday & Friday - 6:30am-9:00pm
Saturday - 1:00pm-5:00pm

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Quick Hits

- April is WSC's Jewish Heritage Month. Check your WSC email for dates. On 4/14 there will be a Campus Passover Sedar. \$5 deposit to reserve a seat

- General job fair for all majors: April 29 @ 1PM in Woodward. Students should bring a resume and dress nicely.

- Peace Corp is coming to interview: April 7 @ 6PM in Dickinson

- President Dobelle and several board members are doing a meet and greet with students: April 7 Davis @ 7:30PM New Hall @ 8:30 PM

- Registration is being done through the portal. It opens @ 7AM. Peer advising can explain how to register online.

- Registration is: April 3 for juniors April 7 for sophomores April 9 for freshman

- Spring Weekend guest packets go on sale March 30. Email VPPPROGRAMING.SGA @WSC.MA.EDU with any questions. Information can also be found in the facebook group "Stuff to do Woo-hoo."

- The Food Committee will only meet every other week. The next meeting is 4/14.

Memoir writing class for retirees offered again

Edgar Alward of Northampton, professor emeritus at Westfield State College, is teaching his popular class "Writing Your Memoirs" again this spring through the college's Learning In Retirement program. The class runs for eight sessions from 2 to 4 p.m. on Fridays through May 15.

Alward, 87, is a role model for his younger students ages 55 and up. With more than 60 years of teaching experience, Alward is much in demand for his memoir writing expertise. He has taught the "Writing Your Memoirs" course numerous times since 2005, often with the largest enrollment of any Learning In Retirement class.

"Still teaching and learning at 4 score and 7 years, Edgar Alward is a wonderful example for the college's mission to make the joy of learning a lifelong endeavor for our students," said Evan S. Dobelle, president of Westfield State. The course offers an introduction to memoir writing for retirees and uses a variety of techniques, beginning with oral storytelling and proceeding to writing. When the memoirs are completed, Alward publishes

them as spiral-bound books for his students.

Learning In Retirement, currently in its ninth semester since 2005, offers a wide variety of classes for learners 55 and over. Course offerings starting in March and April include digital photography, holistic nutrition, book publishing, ballroom dancing, reiki, financial planning, fitness, genealogy, and art, among many others.

Describing memoir writing as "very therapeutic," Alward said he gets his students' creativity flowing by asking them to write about their earliest memory. He then has them write 20 short papers that he calls "sparkers," which describe memories from various time periods in their lives. "The students piggyback each other's comments about their lives," he said. "I'm the facilitator. One student tells a story, and then another person takes off from that story, and so on."

Alward describes his teaching style as influenced by the student-centered learning theories, including the "turn-back method," of humanistic psychologist Carl Rogers. "In the turn-back method, I follow

through with the remarks that students make and urge them to continue on with the particular issue they're discussing," he said. "Rather than lecturing, I'm having the students talk by 'turning it back.'"

Alward originally studied theology at the Bangor Theology Seminary in Bangor, Maine. He completed a bachelor's degree in theology at Gordon College in Boston and then earned a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Maine. He came to Westfield State to work as an assistant librarian in 1962 and went on to become a full-time English professor, teaching from 1962 to 1997.

Alward's colorful life experiences give his memoir writing students plenty of food for thought. As the oldest of eight children born in rural Millinocket, Maine, Alward worked a number of demanding jobs, including taxi driver, hotel desk clerk, janitor, waiter, and house cleaner, while in school and supporting a family. In spite of his struggles with dyslexia, he pursued his dream of teaching and taught at the high school level and at a business school

and worked as a high school principal before coming to Westfield State.

On a more personal note, Alward raised seven children and now has 17 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-granddaughters.

Alward is the co-author of Punctuation Plain and Simple, which he wrote with his wife, Jean Alward, and author of Research Paper: Step by Step and Odyssey of a Teacher, a memoir. He is currently writing his fourth book, A Dyslexic Learns to Read and Write: Recollections of an English Professor, about his experiences as a dyslexic teacher.

When Alward is not teaching his memoir writing class, he works as an editor for former students and other clients. He has edited more than 40 books over the past 20 years. He also has published a color newsletter for Westhampton for the past 21 years that has been recognized from the Massachusetts Council on Aging (COA) as the most outstanding COA newsletter.



Hersham John

Tuesday, April 7, 2009
Scanlon Banquet Hall
6 pm

WSC Speaker Series Presents:

Hersham John is both a poet and a short fiction writer. He will read from his 2007 poetry collection, "I Swallow Turquoise for Courage" published by The University of Arizona Press. John says of his poetry, "My writing reflects who I am and where I come from. I am Navajo, and I am from Sand Springs, Arizona. My clans are of the Deer Spring People (my Mother's clan) and the Bitter Water People (my Father's clan). Other stories and poems come from my travels and from my friends and family who tell some of the greatest tales."

He received his BA in English and MFA in Creative Writing, both from Arizona State University. As a full time faculty member at Phoenix College, Arizona, he teaches composition, poetry and American Indian Studies courses.

His works have been widely published by anthologies and literary journals: Arizona Highways, Flyway-A Literary Review, Hayden's Ferry Review, Journal of Navajo Education, Puerto del Sol, Wicazo Sa Review, O Taste and See: Food Poems, Family Matters: Poems of our Families.

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The Voice will print some letters anonymously, but your name must be listed on the original letter (you must note that you do not want your name listed because we must speak to you personally to confirm the letter).

The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be dropped off at The Voice office in Ely Campus Center, room C-248, no later than 6 p.m. on the Monday before anticipated publication date.

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Currently a professor of geography at the University of California, Los Angeles, Diamond is also the author numerous articles and books, including *The Third Chimpanzee: The Evolution and Future of the Human Animal* and *Why Is Sex Fun? — The Evolution of Human Sexuality*.

His most recent book, *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fall or Succeed*, looks at the reverse side of Guns, Germs and Steel and focuses on factors that cause societies to decline.

A Boston native and Harvard graduate, Diamond earned a Ph.D. in physiology and membrane biophysics from Cambridge University. His fields of expertise have expanded to evolutionary biology, environmentalism, geography, anthropology, ornithology

and linguistics. He speaks more than a dozen languages.

He has received some of the world's most prestigious awards, including a MacArthur Foundation genius grant, the

Conservation medals of the Zoological Society of San Diego and the National Medal of Science, America's highest civilian award in science.

The college's upcoming speaker series guests include Emmy-winning filmmaker Larry Lushbaugh at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, and Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian Debby Applegate at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 16, in Scanlon Banquet Hall. Public receptions are scheduled for both speakers at 6 p.m.

For more information about college events, visit www.wsc.ma.edu.

April 8 Rally and Lobby Day for Public Higher Education. April 8, 10 AM, Boston Common (Brewer Fountain near Park Street)

With speakers, puppets, a march, and visits to legislative offices, we will be urging the Legislature to

**** increase state allocations to need-based financial aid for full- and part-time students**

**** integrate federal stimulus funds into the budget so as to minimize layoffs and fee increases**

**** pass Education Equality so immigrant graduates of MA high schools can pay in-state tuition rates**

**** raise revenue so we can get out of the bottom 10% when it comes to state appropriations for public higher education**

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"In the proposal each company lays out what they have to offer. Once we create the contract, either out with the old and in with the new or we just make alterations to what we already have," Mowatt said. "SGA does not have the direct power to bring in a new company but we do have the voice to bring in students' opinions."

According to the SGA minutes of the January 27, 2009 meeting, Vice President Timothy Murphy notes that the proposal for a new bookstore company would be breaking away from all the other state colleges in Massachusetts. He knows that it might not happen but wants for as many students to

bring forth their input on the issue.

"The bookstore right now is too expensive," senior Kara Brooks said. "I try to always buy my books online now. It's so much cheaper and is a lot easier because I don't have to find the books in the store and then wait in line for a long half an hour."

Online buying has become one of the most popular ways to find cheap textbooks, and that is something students are beginning to realize. Such sites as Amazon, Campusbooks.com, Textbooks.com, eCampus.com and Half.com have become popular as students have ability to both buy and sell their textbooks online.

Although students have picked up on online buying of textbooks, the campus is still in need for a bookstore company.

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Another public event, "Women, Democracy, and Civil Society in Africa: The Case of Senegal" will be presented by Tall-Sall and Mbow at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9, in Room 106 in Seelye Hall at Smith College.

Five Colleges organized the series with The Global Women's History Project and Africa Alive! developed by Elise G. Young, a Middle East historian and Westfield State history professor. The series also is sponsored and supported by the African Cultural Council of Springfield, as well as faculty and administration at Westfield State, Mount Holyoke and Smith, and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

The organizers designed the series so that all of the events complement each other. Participants are encouraged to attend all three events, if possible, to enhance their learning experience.

Tall-Sall is currently a member of the politburo of the

Senegalese Socialist Party, one of the leading political groups in the Senegalese opposition. She also starred in the film *Baniako* as the prosecutor in the mock trial of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund.

Mbow has written extensively on the evolution of Islam's relationship with democracy in Senegal and on gender, human rights, and religion in the Islamic world.

She serves on the editorial board of several publications, including *The Study of Religions in Africa*, *Africa Zamani*, and *Convergence*. She has also served as cultural advisor to the Senegalese Department of Ethnography and Historical Heritage. She was named Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur Française (Knight of the French Legion of Honor) in 2003 in recognition of her achievements as a scholar and political activist.

For more information, visit fivecolleges.edu/sites/african. Or contact Elise Young at 572-8237 or young@wsc.ma.edu.

Student of the Week



Stats: Erik Siernsdale, 21. Senior, Needham, Mass.

Major: Liberal Studies

If you could have any superpower or what would it be?
The ability to eat 43 hamburgers in one bite

What do you want to do when you graduate?
Play disc golf in Europe

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Bill Cosby to Receive Mark Twain Humor Prize

Jacqueline Trescott
Washington Post

Bill Cosby, one of the country's most enduring and familiar entertainers, has been selected to receive this year's Mark Twain Prize for American Humor, the Kennedy Center announced this morning.

Cosby, 71, has conquered many media platforms in his nearly 50 years in show business, from stand-up to recordings to television to publishing. His wide-ranging television work includes "The Electric Company" to "I Spy" to "Fat Albert and the Cosby Kids" to "The Cosby Show."

In accepting the honor, Cosby, celebrated as a sharp storyteller, issued a remembrance: "After bathing us, dressing us in fresh pajamas, and setting us into the crib together, Annie Pearl Cosby read to my brother James and I 'The Adventures of Tom Sawyer,' and later 'The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn,'" said Cosby. "I would like to apologize to Mr. Twain for falling asleep hundreds of times, but he should understand that I was only four."

In his statement, Cosby also cited Twain works that inspired him: "The Mysterious Stranger," "The Story of Jim Blaine's Grandfather's Old Man," "How to Cure a Cold" and "How to Tell a Story."

The prize winner is selected ultimately by the Kennedy Center board, following recommendations by center committees, and former Twain winners.

"What Bill offers us is the opportunity to look at so many different things -- his standup, his appearances on late night television, his movies, his TV show. Our show in every way will be diverse," said Mark Krantz, a co-executive producer of the Twain salute, which will be taped in front of a live audience on Oct. 26 at the center for future broadcast.

The tribute runs 2 hours but the televised version is usually trimmed to 90 minutes. "With Bill it will be challenging to get the show into a late 90 minutes. In the case of Steve Martin, we did 2 hours," said Krantz.

Past winners include:

Richard Pryor, Jonathan Winters, Carl Reiner, Whoopi Goldberg, Bob Newhart, Lily Tomlin, Lorne Michaels, Steve Martin, Neil Simon, Billy Crystal and last year's recipient, George Carlin.

Cosby was given a Kennedy Center Honor in 1998 and the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2002.

"Over the course of his extensive career as a stand-up comedian, writer, actor, and social activist, Bill Cosby has earned countless accolades for his groundbreaking brand of humor. He is truly one of America's most beloved comedians, a favorite of television audiences around the world," said Kennedy Center Chairman Stephen A. Schwarzman. Throughout his career, Cosby has used his life experiences as fodder for his monologues.

Born in Philadelphia, Cosby served in the U.S. Navy and returned home to attend Temple University. In college he was a member of the football team and track and field teams. He has said he was always the class clown, but found his audience and honed his humor while working as a bartender. In 1962, he made his first appearance at the Gaslight in Greenwich Village, a hotbed for comedians. Carl Reiner saw the show and soon Cosby was getting national attention. In 1963, he made his debut on "The Tonight Show."

His role in the television drama, "I Spy," with Robert Culpan, marked the first time an African American actor was given equal billing and prominence with a white actor. Cosby won three Emmys for the 1960s series.

Hollywood beckoned, and Cosby teamed with Sidney Poitier and Harry Belafonte for the 1970s films "Uptown Saturday Night" and "Let's Do It Again."

During the 1960s he kept working on the concert circuit. His comedy albums for 1965 to 1969 won Grammy Awards every year. His routines always returned to his family. "Because of my father, I thought my name was Jesus Christ," he has said. When he wrote about his own experiences in "Fatherhood," the book sold 2.6 million copies in hardcover.

Besides Groucho Marx

and other comics, Cosby credits jazz greats Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie and Betty Carter, who provided a roadmap on innovation that has informed his own timing, delivery and interpretations.

From 1984 to 1990, "The Cosby Show" dominated Thursday nights. It's often credited with three achievements: It showed a large, boisterous upper middle-class black family, with two working parents, handling everyday struggles with humor and love; it revived the said-to-be-dead sitcom genre; and has been credited with saving its floundering network, NBC.

"The Cosby Show" changed sitcoms, and took it away from "The Brady Bunch," said Krantz.

The show won six Emmys, three Golden Globes and 10 People's Choice Awards.

That success was followed by "A Different World," which Cosby co-produced and showcased life and trials on a black college campus. Not as widely successful as its predecessor, it nonetheless was a hit and was credited with increasing enrollment at historically black colleges.

Although social commentary was never far from Cosby's goals, he didn't pointedly do racial or political bits. In recent years, on other platforms, Cosby has spoken about the condition of black communities, what he sees as the breakdown of family values, and the need for black self-responsibility. His most recent book, "Come on People! On the Path from Victims to Victors," written with psychiatrist Alvin F. Poussaint, offered solutions and brought them to a "Meet the Press" session.

Like many veterans, Cosby still makes frequent appearances at nightclubs, concert halls and casino rooms. And usually he chooses to do it the old fashioned way, with two shows a night.

Comedians who cite Cosby as an inspiration include the late Richard Pryor, Billy Crystal, Jamie Foxx, Eddie Murphy, Jerry Seinfeld.

"I don't think there is a comic out there that hasn't been influenced by Bill," said Krantz.

Hydrogen Vehicles: The Future?

Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

The moral of the story last week was that ethanol isn't all it's made up to be. But there must be an alternative fuel source out there that can do some substantial good (I know, I know...everything's a segue). Hydrogen fuel has been the "earth friendly radar" for years now and it has always intrigued me, yet I've never really looked into it. Until now anyway, and I hope with this general rundown you come away with some kind of interest on the topic. After all, it's another of the "fuels of the future" that may get more and more attention as every year passes. But is it the "holy grail" of alternative fuel?

So here's the gist of it: hydrogen can be used to power vehicles in two different ways -- combustion (like regular gas-powered cars) and fuel cell conversion. In internal combustion engines (ICE) hydrogen is burned much like gasoline. Hydrogen ICEs are slightly modified versions of the regular gas powered ones and the first ICE constructed that used hydrogen was built by Francois Isaac de Rivaz in 1807 (so the concept isn't exactly new). Running internal combustion engines on hydrogen is much less costly than using fuel cells.

Fuel cells, however, are much more energy efficient than ICEs. But since the mid-20th century several hydrogen fuel cell prototypes have been made and many problems have plagued them. Firstly, they are considerably expensive and also not very durable; past designs have struggled to keep the fuel cell intact when the vehicle encounters bumps and potholes (they would have a blast in New England). There is also the issue of temperature. Because they use hydrogen (a major component of water), the water vapor environment inside the fuel cell will become solid if it drops below freezing. While the car runs the fuel cells would be fine, but if you stop and head into the grocery store for a little while it may not want to start up again when you come out. That could be somewhat of an inconvenience.

Most of the concern developers have about the hydrogen fuel cell is its reliability and durability. They would have to survive over 5,000 hours of use (the average use of gas-powered cars) and if they were used in buses and other transportation devices they

would need to last about 30,000 hours. The good news on all of this is that gasoline automobiles had the same sort of reliability problems when they were first being developed during the last century. Manufacturers worked out the kinks then, so perhaps hydrogen fuel cell vehicles are going through the same trial and error phase.

Many people believe this to be true and see hydrogen vehicles as a viable option for the future. Though there are only about 200 fully operational hydrogen powered vehicles in the U.S. currently, manufacturers in countries around the world, like Mazda and French-Renault Nissan, are working on perfecting fuel cells for hydrogen use. The push for hydrogen power is strong in California where 26 hydrogen-fueling stations are located across the state, with 46 more planned for construction by 2014.

But despite much support, hydrogen fuel has just as many detractors. Many people are critical of the technical problems they have and believe that, if hydrogen ever becomes a feasible fuel source, it will take many decades to perfect and eventually release as a widespread type of vehicle. Others say that fuel cell development and all the research involved is a lot of work (and money) for something that will not reduce emissions as well as other more feasible and efficient energy sources like electric power. All in all, hydrogen is considered to be too costly and too time consuming to be environmentally useful.

The truth is that the critical parties are essentially right. Currently, the hydrogen internal combustion engines in use actually give off more emissions than regular gasoline engines because the hydrogen is produced from fossil energy resources, which creates additional emissions. Hydrogen fuel cells would be much more efficient, but developing them for everyday use, as stated earlier, is a large issue. Until productive, dependable fuel cells can be created hydrogen fuel is only a fantasy as far as a replacement for gasoline. It is an interesting concept and with time maybe it can be conceived, but we aren't looking at driving hydrogen-fueled cars anytime soon. If research and development continues hydrogen is certainly the future -- just the distant future.

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Historic National Global Warming Bill Cheers Local Students

Sarah Miitnick
MASSPIRG

Local student leaders of a national campaign to tackle global warming greeted draft legislation released in Congress today as a strong step toward tackling the climate crisis.

The draft bill, released today by Energy & Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman (D-CA) and Energy & Environment Subcommittee Chairman Ed Markey (D-MA), sets the stage for Congress to

enact urgently-needed strong, national global warming solutions.

"Global warming is a profound threat to the world my generation will inherit," said Heather Bulis, a local college junior and campaign coordinator for MASSPIRG Student Chapters Global Warming Solutions Campaign. That's why it's a top issue for students here at Westfield State and across the country.

From educational

events and campus panels to Capitol Hill lobby days, student leaders with MASSPIRG Student Chapter's Global Warming Solutions Campaign are spearheading a global warming education and advocacy effort on more than one hundred campuses across the country.

Just a few weeks ago, student leaders organized national campus call-in days that helped insert global warming pollution-reducing public transit funding into the final stimulus package.

The draft bill would put

in place clean energy standards, including a requirement that the nation get 25% of its energy from renewable sources like wind and solar power by 2025; and requires a 30% cut in global warming pollution emissions below today's levels by 2020.

At the same time, student leaders expressed concern about provisions to allow large carbon offsets and subsidies for untested carbon-capture and storage technology. Local lead-

ers also await analysis on the bill's impact on the ability of states to move forward with even stronger legislation.

"The bill is a pragmatic step forward that balances the diverse interests on the Energy and Commerce Committee," said Bulis. Students across the country thank Chairmen Waxman and Markey for their leadership on this key issue for our generation and we urge the Massachusetts delegation to support this historic step toward real global warming solutions.

Obama, Russia's Medvedev to reopen talks on nuclear arms

Christi Parsons
Los Angeles Times

The United States and Russia have agreed to reopen talks about curtailing their arsenals of nuclear warheads, marking the first major arms discussions since 1997, with President Obama saying today that he has accepted an invitation to travel to Moscow in July.

Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, announcing their intention to "move beyond Cold War mentalities" and reopen arms talks at a meeting today on the sidelines of the G-20 summit in London, hope to reduce the number of nuclear warheads that each nation controls.

The two struck a quick chemistry in their talks, part of the bilateral discussions that the new American president is holding with other world leaders during his time in London for a summit of the leaders of G-20 nations focused on addressing the global economic problem.

"They did have a good rapport," said one U.S. official, describing the private meeting on condition of anonymity. "They were able to address a wide range of issues in a relative short period of time. ... It's fair to say that rapport was also matched by candor and frankness on areas of disagreement."

The leaders plan to discuss a possible replacement for an expiring 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, which limited the world's two largest nuclear arsenals to between 1,700 and 2,200 nuclear warheads. That agreement, known as START, expires on Dec. 5.

In a joint statement, the two reaffirmed "that the era when our countries viewed each other as enemies is long over."

Obama and Medvedev

are the successors to two leaders who had developed an on-again and off-again relationship — former President George W. Bush and former Russian President Vladimir Putin, now prime minister.

Nevertheless, any road to a new agreement would have to overcome the strain of recent disagreements over many issues, including the Bush administration's desire to deploy an anti-missile defensive shield in Poland and the Czech Republic guarding against "rogue" threats such as Iran.

"They have a lot of work to get this done by the end of December," another senior administration official said. "This is an aspirational agenda. ... We don't have any illusions about how hard it will be to get agreement."

Obama and Medvedev acknowledged that "differences remain over the purposes of deployment of missile-defense assets in Europe" but suggested a way forward in talks on the issue.

"We discussed new possibilities for mutual international cooperation in the field of missile defense," they said in the statement. "The relationship between offensive and defensive arms will be discussed by the two governments."

Another senior U.S. official suggested that there is enough hope of cooperation that Obama was able to accept the Russian president's invitation to travel to Moscow this summer.

The two leaders also discussed the potential missile launch by North Korea, the situation in Pakistan and security issues on many other fronts, in addition to voicing cooperation in confronting the global economic crisis.

Earlier today, Obama said he was anxious to hear what

other world leaders had to say about the global economic meltdown, but also to offer leadership to help guide them all out of the crisis.

"I came here to put forward ideas," Obama said. "But I also came here to listen, not to lecture. ... We must not miss the opportunity to lead."

In a joint appearance with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, the host of this week's G-20 economic summit, Obama said he is in town to "focus on common ground, not on our occasional differences."

A public question-and-answer session with reporters followed a meeting with Brown to kick off a week that will include the economic summit, meetings with NATO allies and the European Union this week. Obama also met today with Chinese President Hu Jintao.

The day is set to end on a lighter note, when the president and first lady go to Buckingham Palace to meet with Queen Elizabeth II.

After emerging from a private meeting, Obama and Brown emphasized the importance of their alliance, both pointedly using the phrase "special relationship" to describe the kinship between Americans and Britons.

The British press made much of the fact that a U.S. official recently used the phrase "special partnership," speculating that it represented a downgrade of some sort.

But Obama and Brown came out laughing and smiling, and speaking of each other and the national relationship in warm terms. As their wives departed to visit a cancer center, the two men joked about their workout routines, their children and sports.

Even as they spoke, raucous demonstrations began

amid a heavy police presence at the Bank of England in downtown London. Placards carried demands including punishment for bankers and the removal of foreign troops from Afghanistan. Some protesters dressed in black, with kerchiefs over their faces.

Gordon Brown & President Obama Held...

Obama popular, but Europe seeks results
More on Obama and the G-20 in response to press questions, Obama and Brown downplayed differences among European and American leaders about how to handle the economic crisis and suggested that G-20 leaders will take tough, coordinated action to strengthen the regulation of financial institutions and spur economic growth.

Brown said the G-20 nations, which represent more than 80% of the world's economy, have to take strong steps and avoid agreeing only on the "lowest common denominator."

Obama said the leaders should focus on common ground, not on their differences, as they address the global economic troubles.

"All of us here in London have a responsibility to act with a sense of urgency," Obama said, noting that that G-20 leaders are "not going to agree on every point."

Asked if the U.S. is to blame for the problems, Obama said the U.S. "has some accounting to do" with respect to the regulatory system but also said that around the world there was a "mismatch" in regulatory regimes.

But, said Obama, "I had a professor when I was in law school who said, 'Some are to blame, but all are responsible.' I think that's the best way for us to approach this now." Brown nodded as Obama spoke.

Obama also countered contentions that the U.S. as a nation is on the decline.

"I think there's a vibrancy to our economic model, a durability to our political model and a set of ideas that has sustained us through even the most difficult times," he said.

After Brown's recent visit to Obama to the U.S., British press reports raised questions about whether the gifts exchanged and body language between the two conveyed the same respect and affection as between former President George W. Bush and former Prime Minister Tony Blair.

Brown, who leaned casually on his lectern and smiled at Obama through much of the question-and-answer period, said explicitly that the relationship is a positive one.

"We share a personal connection," he said. "I think we can continue to work together for the common good."

Said Obama: "Both of us greatly value the special relationship between our nations. We've stood together in thick and thin, through war and peace, through hard times and prosperity."

Obama said he'd hit it off with the Browns' sons, managing to squeeze in a little conversation about dinosaurs.

When a British reporter asked Obama if he would choose a favorite soccer team, Obama demurred as Brown helped him laugh off the question.

"I have had enough trouble back home picking my brackets" for college basketball, Obama said. "I stirred up all kinds of controversy. The last thing I'm going to do is waste into European football. I didn't get a briefing on that, but I sense that would be a mistake."

Polanski case should be dropped for sake of victim

In 1977, French film director, Roman Polanski was charged with engaging in unlawful sexual intercourse with a minor after reportedly drugging and raping 13 year old Samantha Geimer during a Vogue photo shoot in Hollywood, California. Polanski, a holocaust survivor and husband of Sharon Tate, an actress who was brutally murdered by the Manson Family in 1969, served 42 days at the Chino State Prison in California while being psychologically evaluated. On February 1, 1978, Polanski fled to the United Kingdom despite only holding residency which ultimately could have lead to his capture by the United States government. Polanski then fled to France where he held a full citizenship and could only be extradited back to the United States under France's power, something in which France never chose to do.

For the past 31 years, Polanski has been traveling within a select number of countries, including France, Germany, the Czech Republic, and Poland, in which he does

not face the risk of being seized and extradited back to the United States. Polanski hasn't set foot in the United States since he fled to London in 1978 as he still faces assault charges and is considered by the United States government to be fugitive at large. Despite the charges and accusations against Polanski, Geimer said in a 2003 interview what Polanski did to her was wrong, but she wished that he would return to the United States so they could put the situation to rest which would allow her to move on. She believes that he made a terrible mistake but has paid the price and if he had the chance to go back, he wouldn't do it again.

Geimer came out publicly again in 2008 expressing her hope that Polanski could be forgiven. "I think he's sorry. I think he knows it was wrong. I don't think he's a danger to society. I don't think he needs to be locked up forever and no one has ever come out ever - besides me - and accused him of anything. It was 30 years ago now. It's an unpleasant

memory... (but) I can live with it."

This past month, Geimer took her request one step further, asking for the case to be dropped because the publicity and public attention she and her family had received over the past three decades had been traumatizing. Polanski's lawyer filed an official request to have the case dismissed in January, citing judicial misconduct.

For years, Samantha Geimer has had to deal with the negative publicity surrounding her and her family after the terrible things that were done to her by a Hollywood figure. Despite the fact that Polanski should be in jail for his actions, if Geimer is willing to drop the charges in order to move on from this situation then the United States government should do so, for the sake of Geimer's life. If dropping the case and allowing Polanski to return to the United States a free man is what it will take for Samantha Geimer to live a normal life then so be it.

EDITOR'S DESK



April is the best month ever.

Most importantly we have my birthday, April 22nd. Also Earth Day.

Right before that we have one of my favorite holidays, which falls on April 20th.... Of course I mean Patriots' Day!

Before that is Spring Weekend, aka Rage-fest 09.'

Something about the month just screams festivities. Perhaps it's because spring is actually here, and not just teasing us with slightly warm weather followed by snow.

Just the other day my apartment-mates and I all went outside and took advantage of the grills and benches. We had a nice bbq complete with hamburgers, hotdogs, and a huge slab of top brown. I supplied the latter.

Later that night was "Earth Hour" at which time we all shut our lights off, went back outside, and smoked my roommates hookah.

Good times with good people. Thanks April!

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EDITOR'S DESK



So I have an eventful next few days. Tonight I'm gonna be baller status when I walk into Senate with my pimped out suit. I'm ready for some good grub and dancing... and maybe a few cocktails.

Then on Monday the Red Sox have their season opener. It would be nice to be at my apartment watching the game with the guys. But instead I'll be at the internship.

Lucky for me though, my internship is at NESN. I'm very excited to say the least.

It will be a very busy day, with a lot of people scrambling to get work done, but it should stand to be a fun experience.

With all the hype leading up to the season it will undoubtedly be something I will remember for the rest of my life.

I grew up a Red Sox fan. I was sooooo pumped when our cable provider got NESN for the first time and on Monday, April 6 I will get to be part of it all.

Let's just hope it will be a season to remember.

Until next week... peace everybody...

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Adventures from Abroad by Robert Louis McGinnity



Aloha Westfield, Hawaiian Rob reporting once again from the beautiful island of Hawaii. I know I have been MIA and I'm sure all my loyal readers (two if I'm lucky) have missed my articles and the euphoria that they bring to every one that lays eyes on them.

This past week was our Spring Break, so of course I went and got hammered in Cancun right? No not so much, But I did however travel to another island through a program offered here at Hilo called Break Thru Adventure. It is a volunteer program a bit similar to habitat for humanity. It gives students a chance to see other islands for a price of \$300 dollars.

You might think this is a lot of money for a program in which the students going will be doing community service but it was well worth it. The \$300 covers airfare, housing arrangements, and food for a week which was Saturday to Saturday for us. I chose to travel to Kauai, the oldest inhabitable island in the Hawaiian island chain. Niihau is the oldest island in the Hawaiian chain but you must be invited to go there and be at least 70% Hawaiian I'm pretty sure.

Kauai has had many movies filmed on it, most notably the Jurassic Park movies and Tropic Thunder. Kauai is known as the Garden Island which I can see why because of it's green and lush. Kauai has been said to be one of the more beautiful islands out of the island chain with its many valleys, cliffs, and overall tropical feel. I hadn't traveled to Kauai while in Hawaii yet so I figured I would visit it through the Break Thru Adventure trip.

There were two groups going to Kauai, one working in the mountain and one on the beach. I was originally with the beach group and then I switched to the mountain group for a variety of reasons but primarily because I had friends on the mountain group. The way that the program works is that you get to travel the island for the first two days, work three days, and then travel the last two days.

There were different groups that went to other islands such as Maui, Lanai, and Kaho'olawe. In our group we had 11 people consisting of a pretty even ratio of girls and boys. We

each got \$120 to spend on food for the week as well as some money for activities which was a couple hundred dollars for the whole group. So we decided to go shopping and use around half the food money we had on groceries. We also had two vans that we rented and had the gas paid for by the program as well.

The first night we were on Kauai our group stayed at a church. It wasn't the best situation but we stayed in a carpeted room with cushions to put our sleeping bags on. I was fine with it since I'm use to those kind of sleep arrangements from last year when I went to West Virginia with Habitat for Humanity for Spring Break. The rest of the trip we stayed at a cabin up in the mountains of Kauai at a place called Koke'e. This place had a kitchen, living room, and a big bunk room which we all slept in. We had two bathrooms which was a big challenge for us. We also had some older ladies from Arizona volunteering in rooms across the hall from us. They were nice but they were mean as the dickings when it came to bedtime. We had a lights out rule bestowed upon us by the lady that runs the place and these ladies would knock on our door to tell us to keep it down even before that.

Aside from that the living arrangement were rustic and manageable. We did not have cell phone service, cable, or warm weather in the bunk room during the night. I liked it though because it gave me a chance to get away from the hustle and bustle of life for a little while and appreciate the time I had with the kids that were in my group whom I really liked. The volunteering we did was focused around saving native plants from being overtaken by invasive species. The invasive species we were concerned with were strawberry guava and ginger. We were given tool belts which included a clipper, a machete, bottle of herbicide, and a counter. What we had to do was notch around the base of the strawberry guava trees and slice down the ginger plants. After notching or cutting we would have to apply herbicide to that area which will kill the plant in time.

We had to wake up in the mornings and we worked at around 6 am and until around 4

pm. If this doesn't sound like a fun way to spend your Spring Break then you haven't seen the beauty of Kauai. It wasn't as bad as I make it sound because on our off days we cruised to many beaches and ate like kings and quicqu the whole week.

We went to a beach called Ke'e which had a nice view of green mountains that reminded me of Jurassic Park and I kept having a feeling that a dinosaur was going to pop up at any minute. We went to another beach called Poipu and it was beautiful. It was a hot, sunny day with the beach being comprised of white sand. It had tons of fish to see when snorkeling, which I did.

We went to another beach called Shipwreck which had killer waves. There were around thirty boogie boarders riding the waves and I saw my buddy Ryan from school chilling with his cousins on the beach. He let me take his boogie board out and I caught a wave and rode it all the way to shore. It was wicked fun let me tell you.

Next to that beach was the Hyatt, so my friend Tim and I went over and hopped in the jacuzzi which felt amazing after working for three days cutting down plants. We went out to eat one night at this place called Brenekees Beach grill and I had one of the greatest meal of my life. We ordered at least two smoothies, five appetizers, thirty dollar meals, and three desserts. I ordered steak and shrimp combo that came with mashed potatoes and clam chowder. I saw a monk seal on one of the beaches we went to also. The area was all roped off and some man told us all sorts of information about them.

We did a lot of swimming and adventuring during our week in Kauai and I had more monster drinks than I have had in my life which was about three. All and all I had a great time giving endemic Hawaiian plants a fighting chance at life while enjoying the beauty and warm weather of a tropical island. Now it is back to the grind of school and time to get a bunch more projects and exams before the end of the semester when I will be back in good ole Massachusetts.

Hang loose,
Lopaka McGinnity

The Angry Liberal

By Molly Coyle



Well ladies and gentlemen, as crazy as it might sound I think I may actually agree with my conservative counterpart, for the most part, so this is probably going to end up being a short column this week.

For years now my mother, who is very environmentally conscious has taught me to make sure to turn off all electricity when you're not in the room, unplugging anything that could still be using electricity even when shut off, use the dishwasher because it uses less water, etc. I consider myself to be a pretty environmentally conscious person and I will continue to do that but the issue of "Global Warming" is an entirely separate issue.

I've never really sure about what I thought of the whole Global Warming theory, even after I watched "An Inconvenient Truth," but I think the reason they are now referring to it as "climate change" instead

of "global warming" was because people didn't believe it to be true. Climate change, however, is real.

Climate change happens. I learned about this in my geology class. The earth goes through warm periods and cold periods (ever heard of the ice age?). Climate change is real, however, no one knows if man has contributed to making it worse.

Despite whether or not we can actually control climate change I don't see anything wrong with taking steps to make sure we don't make things any worse than they have to be.

There's nothing wrong with reusing plastic bags, or not using plastic bags at all, carpooling if possible, recycling paper and buying products made of recycled paper, etc.

The area where I don't agree with my friend is when he talks about how the politicians shouldn't get involved. I think

it's great to cap emissions from big corporations and they should get taxed if they go over that amount. There are so many big companies putting tons of pollution into the air every day and whether or not that pollution actually contributed to climate change doesn't really matter. I don't want to breathe that stuff. It's true that many politicians are making these decisions based on climate change but I say what's wrong with being cautious.

The way I see it being cautious about how much of "ecological footprint" benefits us in the end. Unplugging energy sucking appliances when they're not in use and turning off lights when you leave the room lowers your electricity bill. Turning down the heat and putting on a sweater lowers your heating bill. Using compact fluorescent light bulbs last longer than normal light bulbs. Recycled paper towels aren't much more expensive than regular paper towels and

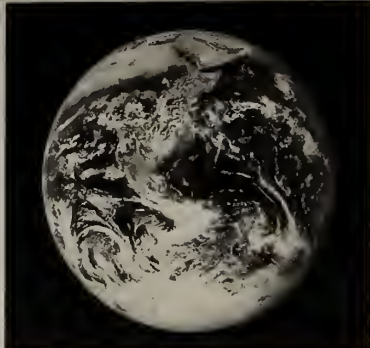


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they're sold everywhere.

Even though April Fool's was this week this is not an April Fool's joke. I do actually agree with my conservative friend. See conservatives? I'm

not as super liberal as you all thought. There's another topic that I think we'll agree on too but that's for another day.

The Conservative Corner

By Sean Klay



<http://www.casperstartribune.net>

A wise man once told me, "the road to Hell is paved with good intentions." This week I am going to explain to all of you that we, are not just on a road, but an eight lane L.A. Expressway to Hell with no exit ramps.

For years we have all been subjected to a very effective propaganda campaign whose ultimate message has been, "the world is coming to an end, and mankind is responsible for it." In the beginning, we were all told that we needed to recycle our rubbish, to conserve our energy, to plant a tree, and contribute funds to save the rain forests from destruction. All, these steps

I will add at this point are, I believe are responsible things to do. Now, the message has changed, and we are being told that these measures don't go far enough, and that we must radically alter our lives in order to save the planet from imminent destruction.

We have been repeatedly (through the media and our education system) led to believe, that every time we get into our cars we are contributing to the greenhouse effect.

I am not buying into this myth one bit.

By nature I am a skeptic. Intellectually for years, I have doubted and questioned the

reviewed research, to Congress, that points out numerous problems with the man-made climate change argument.

What troubles me the most has been the conduct of the environmentalist movement and its supporters in both the scientific community and the political arena in response to those who don't submit to the party line, or as they call it the "scientific consensus." Many of these scientists have been subjected to professional and character assassination by other members of the scientific community. Furthermore, there is mounting evidence that the environmentalist policies adopted in both the US and the EU are having disastrous effects on many Third World nations, where the cost of food has risen sharply, contributing to the starvation rates there. (The amount of grain required to produce just one tank of bio-fuel is enough to feed one person for a year. So I can only conclude that starving people is an acceptable price to pay in the name of saving the planet).

In the EU over recent years, a number of green taxes have been imposed on its member countries, which are having increasing negative effects on local communities in the UK. The green taxes have become so oppressive, that if a community goes over its arbitrary, bureaucratically imposed land fill tonnage limit they are fined to the

hilt. These fines have become such an issue for local communities that they have begun to use industrial sewage, and other contaminated human waste as agricultural fertilizer, and pay farmers to haul it away. You think I am kidding...see the video for yourself.

<http://www.ivc6.com/green-fieldtv/outofcontrol1.html>

Our political representatives, at all levels of government, are making decisions without the benefit of open and honest debate, in either the halls of government or in the scientific community. The University of South Florida and the University of Wisconsin have gone as far as to say in the last few weeks that the scientific community simply does not have enough data for understanding earth's climate to accurately make any conclusions, and that the evidence, at this time, points to this as being part of Earth's natural cycle rather than man-made event.

We and our political representatives deserve to have ALL the facts, for and against the theory of man-made climate change. Any policies adopted must be based on FACT, and not the whims of public passion and frenzy as a result of the fear mongering on the part of the environmentalist movement. Anything less is simply irresponsible.

Bankruptcy on the table at GM, CEO says

Ken Bensinger
Los Angeles Times

General Motors Corp. is prepared to enter bankruptcy if it cannot restructure by itself, the company's new chief executive, Fritz Henderson, said today.

"Our preference is to do this outside a bankruptcy process," said Henderson, in his first news conference since being named to top the company Monday. But "in the event that we need to, we will do it."

Henderson was named chief executive after GM's former leader, Rick Wagoner, was asked to step down by the Obama administration over the weekend.

On Monday, the President unveiled his blueprint for restructuring GM and Chrysler, which have to date received a combined \$17.4 billion from the U.S. government. He gave GM 60 days to resolve its structural problems and get on track to viability or face bankruptcy, while Chrysler now has 30 days to craft a merger with Italian automaker Fiat.

But Henderson said that the company would not need more than two months to resolve its outstanding problems, including renegotiating obligations to bondholders and the United Auto Workers union.

"More time isn't going to help the process," he said, suggesting that it would become readily apparent if the problems prove intractable. At that point, he said, bankruptcy may be the best option for the carmaker. The company had been "making contingency planning" for a bankruptcy filing even before Obama's announcement, he said.

Henderson's remarks came as GM announced a new incentive plan designed to get car buyers back into dealer showrooms today by offering to cover auto payments in case of job loss. Hours earlier, Ford Motor Co. revealed a similar plan. Ford has not received any federal loans.

GM, which is trying to regain consumers' trust as it works with the government to avoid bankruptcy, calls its program Total Confidence.

Through April 30, GM will offer to make as many as nine car payments of up to \$500 for car purchasers in the event they are laid off within the first two years of buying a car. It also will offer to cover any underwriter portion on a financed vehicle that is later traded in for another GM vehicle.

Ford's plan, Ford Advantage, will cover up to 12 months of payments in the event of unemployment. The maximum payment would be \$700 per month, and it's valid

on all purchases through June 1.

"Consumers remain anxious about the economy and their own outlook for the future," said Ken Czubay, Ford's vice president of sales and marketing, adding that the payment protection plan was designed to "rebuild faith in the marketplace."

Both GM and Ford's programs are modeled after a similar, successful incentive program launched by Korean automaker Hyundai in January. Hyundai has been one of the few carmakers to show a sales gain this year.

Chrysler, which recently has been offering some of the most generous incentive plans in automotive history, has not disclosed plans for a similar program.

GM said the incentive plan was intended to address what Henderson referred to as "the other side of the balance sheet": sales and revenue.

Last year, GM's U.S. sales declined nearly 23%, and Chrysler's dropped 30%. In the first two months of this year, GM's sales fell 51% while Chrysler's were off 49%.

The Autos Task Force assembled by the Obama administration indicated this week that the sales fall-off was so deep that it invalidated the goals the automakers had set for themselves in restructuring plans submitted last month.

GM, for example, said it would need an annual industrywide U.S. sales rate of at least 10.5 million vehicles to get out of the red, yet in January and February, that rate was barely at 9 million.

By instituting the new incentives, GM and Ford appear to be responding to consumer needs in a deeply challenging marketplace, where confidence measures are at an all-time low.

"What we found was that traditional incentives just weren't working," said Mark LaNeve, GM's North American head of sales and marketing, as he introduced the new incentive plan. He called it "far superior" to Hyundai's Assurance program, which covers only three payments in case of unemployment.

GM said it was working with an outside insurance company to underwrite the plan.

"Confidence inspiring programs such as these offer the best path to bridge low consumer confidence with rising pent-up demand," said Citi Investment Research analyst Ilay Michalei. Many on Wall Street had suggested that the domestic automakers take up such plans months ago.

In his conference, Henderson also addressed other aspects of the Obama plan, as it has been explained to the carmaker. He said the

company was sending weekly progress reports to the Treasury Department.

The administration has not put specific objectives on what GM needs to achieve by June 1, but Henderson said it was clear that the company would need to make much more progress, and faster, than it had planned.

For example, he said, the company's goals to reduce brands, nameplates and employment by a 2014 deadline would have to be moved to an earlier date, though he did not provide one.

Henderson said that GM would probably close more auto plants and further cut jobs as part of its restructuring efforts, but against did not provide details. He said the automaker was on its way to reaching its original goal of reducing structural costs to \$26.3 billion this year, but indicated that he'd work to get them down to \$24 billion or lower.

Finally, Henderson said that though the company originally had planned to announce the fate of its Hummer SUV brand today, it would delay the announcement by several weeks. Hummer has been on the block for nearly 11 months, and no clear buyer has emerged.

U.S. to Join U.N. Human Rights Council, Reversing Bush Policy

Colum Lynch
Washington Post

The Obama administration decided Tuesday to seek a seat on the U.N. Human Rights Council, reversing a decision by the Bush administration to shun the United Nations' premier rights body to protest the influence of repressive states.

"Human rights are an essential element of American global foreign policy," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said in a statement. "With others, we will engage in the work of improving the U.N. human rights system. . . . We believe every nation must live by and help shape global rules that ensure people enjoy the right to live freely and participate fully in their societies."

The United States announced it would participate in elections in May for one of three seats on the 47-member council, joining a slate that includes Belgium and Norway. New Zealand, which

had also been on the ballot, supports the U.S. decision and withdrew its name to make room for the United States. Foreign Minister Murray McCully announced, "Frankly, by any objective measure, membership of the Council by the U.S. is more likely to create positive changes more quickly than we could have hoped to achieve them," he said.

The decision was welcomed by U.N. officials and rights advocates, who had been briefed on the decision. Human rights activists have been advocating U.S. membership in the council since its creation in March 2006.

"This is a welcome step that gives the United States and other defenders of human rights a fighting chance to make the institution more effective," said a human rights advocate familiar with the decision. "I think everybody is just desperate to have the United States and Barack Obama run for the human rights council, and countries are willing to bend over back-

ward to make that happen."

The Geneva-based Human Rights Council was established in March 2006 to replace the 60-year-old Human Rights Commission, which lost international credibility after countries with abysmal rights records, such as Sudan and Zimbabwe, were allowed to join and thwart criticism of their actions.

The Bush administration refused to join the new rights body, saying it was not convinced that it represented much of an improvement over its predecessor. John R. Bolton, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations when the council was created, said at the time that the United States would have more "leverage in terms of the performance of the new council" by not participating in it and thus signaling a rejection of "business as usual."

Reached Tuesday, Bolton denounced the Obama administration's decision. "This is like getting on board the Titanic after it's hit the iceberg," he said. "This is the ideology of engagement at work.

There is no concrete American interest served by this, and it legitimizes something that doesn't deserve legitimacy."

The Obama administration and rights advocates concede that the Human Rights Council has failed to emerge as a powerful champion of human rights, saying it has devoted excessive attention to alleged abuses by Israel and too little to abuses in places such as Darfur, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe.

Last week, the rights council adopted a resolution sponsored by Pakistan and other Islamic states that condemns the "defamation of religion" as a violation of human rights, arguing that abuses against Muslims have mounted in the years following the 9/11 terror attacks. But European states criticized the Islamic resolution, saying it posed a threat to the right of free speech. However, the decision to seek a seat on the council is in keeping with what President Obama has called a "new era of engagement" with other nations to advance U.S. security inter-

ests and meet the global challenges of the 21st century.

Susan Rice, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, said: "Those who suffer from abuse and oppression around the world, as well as those who dedicate their lives to advancing human rights, need the council to be balanced and credible." She said the United States seeks election to the body "because we believe that working from within, we can make the council a more effective forum to promote and protect human rights."

The Human Rights Council is an inter-governmental body within the U.N. system made up of 47 elected members whose mission is to strengthen the promotion and protection of human rights globally. The next round of elections to the council will be held May 15 in the U.N. General Assembly in New York, with members elected to three-year terms. The council is scheduled to undergo a formal review of its structure and procedures in 2011, offering an opportunity for reform.

AzureGreen excels despite the economy

Corey Davis
Special Contributor

MIDDLEFIELD- Tamarin and Adair Laurel are the consummate success story with an unusual business. What began as a small storefront located in Easthampton, MA with only \$2000 and approximately 200 books for sale, today is

AzureGreen, (www.azuregreen.com) a multi-million dollar internet mail order business dedicated to selling metaphysical products.

When first starting out, they researched what was being sold in stores and what was missing. From there, they built their business by selling the products that others did not carry in their stores; the types of products that are harder to come by. By selling and distributing metaphysical-spiritual products, especially those that are in high demand but are hard to find, the business owners have continued to turn a large profit every single year since they began in 1986.

The growth of their business took them by surprise and they had to relocate to a larger facility. In 1991 they moved to Middlefield, Mass. where they employ 22 local residents and have the highest employment rate of the entire town. Walking into their current building-one is pleasantly overwhelmed by the scent of herbs and essential oils in the air. A large area is devoted to warehousing products right out of Harry Potter, another area employees are on phones with customers and yet a third large

area for shipping. UPS arrives once a day for deliveries and pickups.

AzureGreen continues to flourish and grow. Distributing to both retail stores and individuals around the world, AzureGreen has become a huge success for the Laurel's. Expanding their business facility yet again was an obvious next step.

A \$3 million, 28,000 square foot warehouse is under way in the tiny town of Middlefield and is estimated to be completed in the summer of 2009. The facility is going to house their metaphysical distribution business and will also offer a community center on the second floor for locals to enjoy. The new facility, known as

"Beltane Hill," (www.beltanehill.com) will include: a large communal kitchen, a green house, office space for rent, a day care for 40 children, and a unique, correctly aligned pyramid foyer in the front of the warehouse. Employees of AzureGreen and residents with membership can use the facility to their advantage and take part in activities such as yoga, gardening, cooking, and more.

The building design is credited to architect Rob Blanchard and his team at Hill Engineering. The structure is going to be a completely "Green" eco-sound building equipped with and powered by solar paneling, photovoltaic and geothermal energy (for both heating and cooling). The Laurel's are also using the environment to their advantage by positioning the building to face the south.



AzureGreen has prospered despite the economy.

Photo courtesy of Corey Davis

By blocking the sun in the summer and then letting it in during the winter, the business owners will decrease their utility bills.

The Laurel's are practicing witches; a religion based on European Pagan rituals. They have integrated the spiritual aspect of their lives with their profession. Their business is, in fact, a total match to their private interests and they genuinely enjoy both what they practice and what they do for a living. Some of the metaphysical and spiritual products that they distribute both online and through catalogue include: herbs, jewelry, books, products created by local artisans such as soaps, essential oils, eye masks, etc.

They also specialize in items like candles, incense, crystals, tarot cards, CD's, DVD's, pendulums, gemstones, items for ancient religions and lots more.

The Laurel's have had to deal with some challenges, a large one being what some residents have identified as discrimination against their religion of Wicca, by a small group in town. The majority of the Middlefield residents approved AzureGreen's application for their new commercial building (133 to 50) back in 2001. A small group in town, however, named the "dirty dozen" tried to prevent them from building with a lawsuit in land court. The dirty dozen lost their lawsuit and their subsequent two appeals, and the Laurel's began construction last year. Now with plans to move employees into the new building this summer, they are clearly on the way to becoming even more successful.

The AzureGreen multi-million dollar business headquarters may be located in the

Berkshires of Mass. in a town with only 500 residents, but the beauty of their accomplishments is the mail order - online aspect of the business. With their internet base they sell to people nationwide (with 60% of their customers being from the U.S.) and overseas to a number of other countries such as Japan, Iceland, Greenland, and the United Kingdom. Even Hollywood buys from AzureGreen with shows like CSI, Buffy the Vampire Slayer, and daytime Soaps calling to purchase unusual products for their sets. The business continues to grow in wholesale and retail sales every year. Despite the economic downturn and nationwide recession

AzureGreen continues to prosper and work its far-reaching Magic.



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A well licked disc gathers no chains

Erik Siersdale
Special Contributor



With the weather breaking more and more each day, Wiffleball® and football games are popping up like flowers. Especially popular is Frisbee, between playing an intense match of ultimate to a casual game of catch. However, there is another sport involving a flying disc that goes under the casual sportsman's radar, disc golf, also known as frolf. One might have seen a couple of students throwing a brightly colored disc or two across the green, sometimes farther than 300 feet. Well your wonder can dissolve now, as we enter the grassroots sport of

Frisbee golf.

In 1975, the Professional Disc Golf Association (herein referred to as the PDGA) was formed in Pasadena, California. The association includes more than 39,000 members from thirteen year old David Wiggins Jr. (look him up on YouTube) to men and women in their eighties. Every weekend the PDGA sanctions a number of tournaments from Maine to California and even Europe. Their website, www.pdga.com, released the following description of the sport, "The sport was formalized in the 1970s, and shares with 'ball golf' the object of completing each hole in the fewest number of strokes (or, in the case of disc golf, fewest number of throws). A golf disc is thrown from a tee area to a target, which is the 'hole'. The hole can be one of a number of disc golf targets; the most common is called a Pole Hole® an elevated metal basket. As a player progresses down the fairway, he or

she must make each consecutive shot from the spot where the previous throw has landed. The trees, shrubs, and terrain changes located in and around the fairways provide challenging obstacles for the golfer. Finally, the 'putt' lands in the basket and the hole is completed."

One of the benefits of playing the lesser-known common is the cost efficiency. A disc costs anywhere from eight to fifteen, compare with the multi-hundred dollar drivers. A round also costs no more than five dollars (half of all the courses are free) compared with twenty plus for a round of ball golf. As far as the environmental footprint, there are no pollutants, no carts, and most courses are built in state forests. Arguably, the best benefit is that people play disc golf at any time of the year, including snow and rain.

There are five professionally recognized courses just twenty-five miles away from campus, at Holyoke, Wilbraham,

Northampton, Conway, and Manchester, CT. This year, Maple Hill, a course located in Leicester (outside Worcester) will host the Vibram Open. Last year Avery Jenkins and his sister Valerie Jenkins, both top pros, took home \$2,500 and \$1,500 after two days of intense competition... throwing a ten-dollar-disc.

There was a large spectrum of reasons when interviewing a group of current students at Westfield State why they like the sport. Damon Warnock, a senior and avid frolfer, stated, "Disc golf is a good outlet. It is cheaper than conventional golf, and more fun. It also poses the challenge of beating yourself each time you go out on the course." Nicole Franklin, a less practiced competitor supposed, "I like playing disc golf because it's one of those sports where you want to go back and get better and better." Dan Swartz deemed the game, "So versatile. You can take one small disc on a gor-

geous day and have a great time. It's just a wonderful way to spend a great afternoon." If your interest is sparked by the hunger to hear those chains as your disc lands in that steel cage, there is a newly established Disc Golf club on campus. We will have an interest meeting later this month and will organize weekly trips to local courses as well as practices and events on the green. Send an email to esiersdale3109@wsc.ma.edu, or just go up and ask the next time you see plastic whizzing by your head. We are having an informal match at Wickham Park in Manchester, CT at 1 PM so email if interested.



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This Week in Music History



April 1989 - 20th Anniversary

When thinking of great vocalist-guitarist combinations, few would probably name Ian Astbury and Billy Duffy of The Cult. It's not a matter of being under-seeing of mention, either. Unfortunately, the two are often overlooked and are underappreciated. Their 1989 album *Sonic Temple* is the perfect starting point for potential Cult fans, as it is probably their best album.

Duffy is not by any means an amazing or outstanding guitarist, but his style is as easily associated with the sound of The Cult as the guitar work of The Edge is associated to U2. Combined with Astbury's John Morrison-esque vocal work, Duffy and The Cult have carved their names into rock and roll history. The album packs a lengthy punch, clocking in at a respectable 52 minutes of pretty

straight-forward rock and roll music. There really is not a bad song on the album, either. *Sonic Temple* is one of those rare albums released relatively recently that won't have listeners searching for their 'skip button.'

The best songs on the album are "Fire Woman" and "Edie (Ciao Baby)." *Fire Woman* is a solid rocking track that starts off slow and builds into a rock anthem that rocks as steadily as an AC/DC classic. "Edie" is a standard power-ballad with acoustic guitar and strings that urges listeners to break out their lighters in true 80's fashion. To keep a balance with the soft side of the string section and Astbury's soulful crooning, Duffy contributes a very respectable and memorable electric guitar solo.

Where are they now?

The Cult are currently working on a follow-up to their 2007 album, *Born into This*. The Cult is also touring sporadically and appeared at various festivals. A few months ago, I attended one of their concerts in Boston, and they sounded as good as their studio recordings. Their set kicked off with "Fire Woman," which raised the energy of the whole audience.

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EDITOR'S DESK



So, my bracket is not looking so good anymore now that Louisville and Oklahoma have been knocked out. In fact, I have basically been eliminated from contention. Oh well, now I will root for the winner of Michigan St./UCONN because I hate UNC and Pitt.

One of the greatest days of the year is coming up on Monday. Opening Day '09. Sox vs. Rays. Can't wait.

Tonight is Senate, should be a good time.

I never know what to write in this thing, can't you tell?

Anyways, have a great weekend everybody.

Song of the week: Allman Brothers Band - Blue Sky

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Les Claypool: No Drugs Necessary

Angela Bunt
Managerial Editor

Les Claypool performed at the House of Blues in Boston last Thursday and it was the closest thing to a religious experience I've ever had.

Sober as a bird, packed into the front row of the recently redone HOB (right across from Fenway), Ivan and I rocked OUT.

The concert, billed as The Oddity Faire: A Mutated Mini Fest, featured artists O'Death, Secret Chief 3 and Saul Williams. And of course, Les Claypool. All for 25 bucks!

Ivan and I got there at the beginning of O'Death's set. They kept me pretty interested. More specifically, the violin and the banjo kept me interested. During the show I took notes on my cell phone because I forgot a pad and pen, and I typed that the beginning of one of their songs sounded like "Satin in a Coffin" by Modest Mouse. The band had a lot of energy, but the shirtless bassist was going nuts. As the set went on the songs seemed to get more intense, and it was as if the band was fighting each other with their instruments. "Can rock as hard as they want because the banjo keeps it bluegrass" - direct quote from my cell phone draft.

Secret Chief 3 was on next (I was surprised all evening at how quick the set changes were), donning their dark blue, Merlin-esque, creepy, cape-y uniforms. The singer had a long beard and was very tall and unsettling. Nice! Their music had a dark, somewhat satanic tone. It reminded me of what would be playing during the last level of an RPG game. The music was so hard and driving that it was literally making my jeans vibrate against my body. Around the

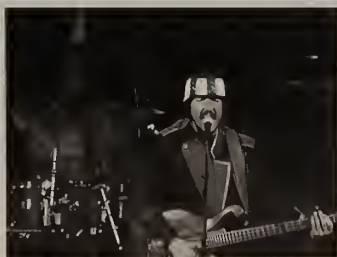
fourth song in the band busted into some amazing violin. I gotta give that lovely stringed instrument props, because it was so essential to the sound of both O'Death and Secret Chief 3. In this case, the violin lightened up the music of SC3 and added this weird (read: awesome) dance-y element to it.

Next on the bill was Saul Williams. At this point Ivan and I met up with some friends and we hung out for most of the band's (err, Saul's?) set. I wasn't paying too much attention, but he was

mask change. Yes, he wore the pig mask. (I would be remiss not to mention that during one of these outfit changes the rest of the band had an amazing jam session that totally blew the crowd away.)

I didn't have much concept of time (because Les's whamola had launched me into an alternate reality) but a little over halfway through his set he started reflecting on being back in Boston. He said something about having a lot of old friends here, and revealed to the audience that Boston-based band Morphine

was there to play a song with him. After they finished, Les tells the audience that playing the song was a very big moment for him. Everybody cheered, and I remember thinking that the fans were being so kind to him and showing him so



Les Claypool in concert

photo courtesy livingdreamfilms.com

rapping and rocking and talking about Obama. From what I watched, the set seemed pretty high energy and Saul was really going for it... I don't know, I'm sorry Saul. That was pretty weak.

Ivan and I had already made our way back into the crowd when Les Claypool came on. He opened the set with "Johnny Come Lately" and the two of us sat there with our mouth's hanging open. Everybody in the audience started grooving (and Ivan and I started grooving our way closer and closer to the front.) Les played a few more tunes before addressing the audience. He sounded just like the live recording I had of him from when I first saw his band at Gathering of the Vibes two years ago. At that festival I stood about a mile away from him in a huge field, and while I was feeling the hell out of the music I was somewhat disconnected. At this show I got to see every clothing change, instrument change, and every

much support. Les returns the favor when he busts into "One Better" and jams to it for about 15 minutes.

I couldn't. Dance. Hard. Enough.

Les Claypool is the Tantric God of music making. The way he structures and executes his songs makes you want to pull your hair out with pleasure and frustration-get to the chorus already! Somebody in the audience even referred to him as a "cock tease." You catch my drift?

I hate to end this review by talking about the guy that threw a water bottle onstage during the last song, causing Les to stop performing and instead discuss with the audience what a small penis this man must have, so I won't. Instead I will say that listening to Les Claypool is like getting hit in the face with a musical frying pan, and that for 25 bucks you would be a total newb to not check out this tour. (But the tour is over, so you are a newb.)

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Pete Francis and Barefoot Truth



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Schedule of Events

Day/Date

Location

Friday, April 17

4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Themed Dinner

Dining Commons

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Movie: Role Models

Ely Main Lounge

9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Comedian Rob O'Reilly

Ely Main Lounge

10:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Brown Bag Bingo

Ely Main Lounge

12:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Midnight Breakfast

Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, April 18

10:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Ely Main Lounge

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

iPod Playlist

Campus Green **

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Outdoor Band: "Intermission"

Campus Green **

11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

BBQ Lunch

Campus Green **

11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Novelties, student organization tables

Campus Green **

12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Beer & wine concession

Campus Green ***

3:00 p.m.

Doors open for Concert

Woodward Center

3:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Spring Weekend Concert

Woodward Center

WSC Night Owls

Pete Francis featuring Barefoot Truth

Braddigan (with full band)

4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Dinner

Dining Commons

Rain sites: * = Ely Campus Center, ** = College Dining Commons, *** = Cancelled



Westfield Wins Seventh Straight

DANBURY, Conn. — The Westfield State College baseball team raced out to a 6-0 lead in the opening inning and never looked back on its way to a 10-2 victory over Western Connecticut State University at Westside Field Tuesday afternoon.

It was the seventh straight victory for the Owls, who improved to 11-5 on the season. Westfield has an interesting mid-week non-conference game on Wednesday when it hosts a red-hot WPI team at 3:30. WPI (14-6) has won 11 of its last 12 games, including a 9-7 victory at defending national champion Trinity College on Monday. It was Trinity's first setback to a New England team in 49 games.

Colonials' starter Joe Mangano (Stamford, CT) did not make it out of the first inning, allowing six earned runs on just two hits while walking five. David Alarcon (Plymouth, CT) came on in relief of Mangano with the bases loaded and no outs. Despite walking two, he worked out of a bases-loaded jam. An inning later, Alarcon got out

of another base-loaded jam without allowing a run.

Ben Campbell (Easthampton, MA) had the big blow for the Owls in the first inning, a three-run home run in strike-away center.

The Owls pounded out 10 hits with Jeff Fields (Pittsfield, MA), Ben Wagner (Cumberland, RI) and Pete Hogan (Weymouth, MA) each collecting a pair of hits.

Winning pitcher Sean Keane (Brocton, MA) took over for starter Andrew Poliferno (Sharon, MA) in the fourth inning. Poliferno allowed one run on three hits. He struck out one and walked one. Keane earned the victory, his first of the season. He went three innings of relief, allowed four hits and one unearned run while striking out two and walking one.

Josh Perches (Albany, NY) and Dave Glass (Pittsfield, MA) mopped up for the winners.

WestConn got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the second when Mike Baccaro (Berlin, CT) drove in Ryan Koschmieder (Groton, CT) from second

base with a single up the middle.

Senior righty Alex Zancan (Danbury, CT) came on for Alarcon with one out in the fourth inning. With inherited runners on first and second, Zancan enticed two ground outs to get out of the threat.

After falling behind, 7-1, the Colonials drew closer in the fourth when Matt Perper (New City, NY) came across with an unearned run on an RBI single from Koschmieder.

Zancan was cruising until the seventh inning when Brad King (Perth, Ontario) singled with one out then came around to score on an RBI sing from Fields. Fields came across after Dan Baccaro (Berlin, CT) threw the ball away. Zancan went 3 2/3 innings, allowed three hits, two runs, only one of them earned and struck out one.

Koschmieder was the only Colonial with multiple hits, a single and double.

The Owls, 11-5, tacked on two runs in the seventh and one in the ninth.

O'Brien Named Coach Of The Year

Westfield State College's Sean O'Brien has been named the New England Division III Women's Indoor Track & Field Coach of the Year, the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) recently announced.

The USTFCCCA selects the top track athlete, field athlete, and coach for the eight regions in Division III track and field.

O'Brien led the Westfield State women's team to its third consecutive MASCAC indoor track and field title in 2009. The team also finished second in the New England Alliance championships and 12th in the New England Division III championships.

Two of O'Brien's athletes qualified for the NCAA Division III national championships. Senior Marlee Berg won the national high jump championship and also competed in the pentathlon, placing 12th. Junior Kerry Arouca just missed All-America honors by placing ninth in the 5,000 meter run.

"The (coach of the year) award is nice but I would take a



national champion or a conference team championship any day," said O'Brien.

O'Brien has been the Westfield State women's and men's head coach for 10 years. His women's team have won nine consecutive MASCAC outdoor and three straight MASCAC indoor championships.

He has guided the men's team to nine straight MASCAC and New England Alliance outdoor titles. The men's team finished 10th in the New England outdoor championships in 2008 and 2007 and fifth in 2006.

Western Conn. Sweeps Westfield

WESTFIELD, Mass. — Senior leadoff batter Loren Angiolillo (Wolcott, Conn.) was 4-for-6 with two doubles, four RBI and three runs scored to lead Western Connecticut State University to a 6-3, 4-3 softball sweep of Westfield State on Tuesday, March 31.

The Colonials improved to 6-8 overall following non-conference twinbill; Westfield is 9-6.

In the opener, Westfield led 1-0 when Western Conn. broke loose for four runs on four hits in the sixth inning. Angiolillo rapped an RBI single in the key upswing and Katelyn Farrell (Stamford, Conn.) delivered a two-run single.

The Colonials increased their lead to 6-1 on a two-run single by Angiolillo in the seventh inning.

Westfield rallied in its last at bat for two runs no an RBI triple by Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass.) and a run-scoring single by Lindsay Jardin (Assonet, Mass.). But the Colonials survived the comeback bid when Allison Allen struck out swinging with bases loaded to end the game.

The Owls out-hit the visitors, 10-8. Mason,

Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills), Kim Brennan (Douglas) and Alicia Gardner (Athol) each had two hits for the Owls.

Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth, Mass.) was the losing pitcher. She allowed eight hits (six in the last two innings), three earned runs and struck out five.

Freshman Meg Dargon (Trumbull, Conn.), the second of three Western Conn. pitchers, was credited with the mound win.

In the second game, Western Conn. knocked Westfield starting pitcher Casey Riddell (Athol, Mass.) out of the game, collecting 11 hits in three and two-thirds innings to take a 4-0 lead.

Western Conn. scored a run in the first frame and three in the fourth, including an RBI double by Angiolillo.

The Owls received a solid relief pitching performance from freshman Madeline Tomich (Alford, Mass.), who allowed three hits and no runs over the final three and a third innings.

Westfield rallied for two runs in the fifth inning on an RBI single by

Brennan and an RBI double off the left field fence by Kristyn Carroll (Brocton). But with runners and second and third and two outs, Western Conn. got out the jam when Angiolillo made an over-the-shoulder catch from her shortstop position in shallow left field.

Westfield scored a run in the seventh. Brennan belted a one-out double and scored on a two-out bloop single to left field by Carroll. But Carroll was thrown out trying to stretch the hit into a double to end the game.

Western Conn. out-hit Westfield, 14-8. Every player hit safely for the Colonials. Jackie Zilnicki (Riverhead, N.Y.), the No. 9 hitter, was 3-for-3 with an RBI double. Angiolillo was 2-for-3 with two runs scored, a double and an RBI.

Brennan was 3-for-4 with two runs scored. Mason and Carroll were both 2-for-4.

Brittany Connors (Waterford, Conn.) went the distance for the pitching victory. She walked three and struck out three.

Owls Place Second At Coast Guard

NEW LONDON, Conn. - The Westfield State College men's track and field team opened its 2009 outdoor season by placing second in a tri-meet at Coast Guard on Saturday, March 28.

Coast Guard placed first with 171.5 points followed by Westfield (131) and Springfield (93.5).

The Owls placed first in five events. Senior Nathan Landry unleashed an impressive throw of 166-3 in the hammer throw, by far his best throw ever. Last year Landry won the MASCAC title with a throw of 150-11.

"Nathan has dedicated himself to doing well in the hammer throw this season," said head coach Sean O'Brien. "And he told me he thought that he really didn't throw it that well."

Chapin named track Athlete of the Week

Westfield State College sophomore Michael Chapin (Shrewsbury) was named the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) men's track athlete of the week.

Chapin captured first place in the 110 hurdles (16.22) and finished second in the 400 hurdles (58.71) for the Owls at the Coast Guard/Springfield Tri-Meet.

Visit the MASCAC Web site at www.masacac.org.



Michael Chapin

Woods Sinks Putt to Win Invitational

Doug Ferguson
Washington Post

ORLANDO, March 29 - The clutch shots. The late charge. An electric birdie putt on the 18th hole at Bay Hill.

Tiger Woods is back.

With those familiar back-nine heroics and a putt most everyone knew he was going to make, Woods holed a 15-footer for birdie to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational for his first victory since returning from knee surgery.

Woods closed with a 3-under-par 67 for a one-shot victory over hard-luck Sean O'Hair, matching his largest comeback on the PGA Tour.

"It feels good to be back in contention, to feel the rush," Woods said. "It's been a while, but God, it felt good."

Just like last year, when Woods made a 25-foot birdie on the final hole at Bay Hill for a one-shot victory, he delivered a high-charged celebration. Instead of slamming his cap to the ground, he turned and ran into the arms of his caddie, who lifted him off his feet.

Then came the meeting with the tournament host.

"What was it I told you last year?" Palmer said with a wide grin.

Palmer has seen enough of Woods to know what to expect. Woods won at Bay Hill for the sixth time, the fourth tour event he has won at least that often.

This one was special. Woods had not been atop the leader board since he won the U.S. Open in a 19-hole playoff last June. He had reconstructive surgery on his left knee a week later, and missed the next eight months.

With two indifferent results at World Golf Championships events, there were questions whether he would be



Tiger Woods clinches the Arnold Palmer Invitational with a final-hole birdie putt, his first victory since his knee surgery after last year's U.S. Open. (By Stephen M. Dowell -- Orlando Sentinel Via Associated Press)

ready for the Masters in two weeks. Not anymore. He rallied from a five-shot deficit and delivered one crucial shot after another in fading sunlight.

It was the third time Woods has won at Bay Hill with a birdie on the 72nd hole.

O'Hair made only one birdie and closed with a 73, but he steadied himself along the back nine until a crucial mistake on the 16th hole, when he went at the flag with Woods in the rough. His 7-iron came up short and into the water, leading to a bogey.

"I think what happened is when the sun was going down a little bit, I guess that kind of proved to me that the ball wasn't quite going as far," O'Hair said.

He might be right, for Woods ran into the same problem a hole later. He posed over a 4-iron that he thought was flush, tongue hanging out of his mouth like Michael Jordan when he knew a shot was going in. This one plugged under the lip of the front bunker, and Woods made bogey to fall into a tie.

That set up the dramatic finish with only minutes of day-

light remaining, thanks to a two-hour rain delay in the morning.

It was the second straight year that O'Hair had to watch Woods celebrate. They were in the final group a year ago when Woods made his big birdie putt to beat Bart Bryant. This one stung more.

"It's just a little bit disappointing that I couldn't close it," O'Hair said.

Woods finished at 5-under 275 and won \$1.08 million for his 66th career victory. Only once in his career has Woods failed to win a PGA Tour event in the three months leading to the Masters, but more Bay Hill magic took care of that.

Zach Johnson shot 69 and was third.

There were three lead changes over the final three holes, and a predictable winner.

"It's like Stevie was saying out there," Woods said of caddy Steve Williams. "This feels like we hadn't left. You just remember how to do it. It hasn't been that long for me, but you just have that feel of what to do. And it's a matter of getting it done."

Celtics to sit Garnett until end of regular season

Los Angeles Times
Staff Writer

WALTHAM, Mass. -- Kevin Garnett will miss at least the next four games with a sore right knee and may return for the final three games of the Boston Celtics' regular season.

he emotional leader and defensive star of the defending NBA champions has missed 15 of the last 19 games, including the last two. The Celtics hope the rest will help him get healthy for the playoffs.

Couch Doc Rivers said after practice Tuesday that the team would be "shutting down" Garnett for most of the remaining seven regular season games because of continued soreness in the knee, first injured Feb. 19 at Utah.

"After watching him move today, we're just going to shut him down," Rivers said. "It probably won't be for the year. He'll probably play by the end, last couple of games, or last three games. It's just not progressing the way we anticipated it would progress."

The Celtics began the day in third place in the Eastern Conference, five games behind Cleveland and percentage points behind Orlando. They resume play Wednesday night at home against Charlotte.

Garnett missed 13 games, then played sparingly in the next four in which he averaged 9 points and 16.5 minutes. He sat out the last two games, both wins, Friday night at Atlanta and Sunday against Oklahoma City.

"We assumed we were going to practice him, and right now, we're not even going to do that," Rivers said. "We're going to shut him down until the soreness goes away and the swelling goes away and then we bring him back up."

Garnett is averaging 15.8 points and 8.5 rebounds in 57 games. Without him, the Celtics (56-19) were 7-6 in their first 13 games. They were 3-1 when he returned and 2-0 in their last two

when he was sidelined.

"We're just going to shut him down until we feel like he's ready," Rivers said. "It's nothing structural. It's the same thing that it's been. It's just not reacting the same way we thought it would react. He didn't react to the games we thought he would and he's clearly not reacting to practice the way we thought he would."

Boston's next four games are all at home against Charlotte, Atlanta, New Jersey and Miami. The last three are at Cleveland and Philadelphia and at home against Washington.

Second-year forward Glen Davis has started nine of the 15 games Garnett missed and is averaging 12.4 points and 5.2 rebounds in that span. For the season, he's averaging 6.2 points and 3.8 rebounds. He had double-doubles in the last two games.

Backup center Mikki Moore also has played more and matched his season highs with 12 points and 11 rebounds in Sunday's 103-84 win over Oklahoma City.

"It's a big adjustment. He's the center of everything," Moore said of Garnett. "He entices guys to come out and play hard. We're going to miss his presence out on the floor, but he's always in the locker room or on the sideline often talking to us. We'll be all right."

Rivers said there's more pressure on the healthy big men to produce with Garnett sidelined and that "may be a reason to cut the minutes a little bit as well. Bottom line is we're going to be healthy when playoffs start and we're going to do whatever we can to have the legs."

But not everyone is convinced that the entire team, including Garnett, will be healthy by then.

"There's always concern," center Kendrick Perkins said. "A guy that has a month off from rest, come back and he's still not fully recovered, it's still kind of scary. But then again, you're dealing with a warrior, so he'll find a way to get back

Stern Considering New Playoff Format

Jeff Dale
Editor-At-Large

The NBA during March is like an older child desperate for attention. While its younger brother (the NCAA Tournament) gets all the pub, the NBA sulks in the corner until April comes around.

So what could be the answer to this problem?

Some people are calling for the regular season to be cut down by 10 games, citing that an 82-game schedule followed by a two-month playoff system is too much. Cutting the season down would be a simple and convenient solution, and even the Zen Master would be on board.

Thanks to the NCAA Tournament, this end of season funk always seems to happen, but

the blame can't be put solely on March Madness. The real problem is while the tournament is exciting fans with its up-and-down basketball, the NBA is winded, grasping for air, as casual fans fill out their brackets.

A solution could be on the horizon. The NBA Development League is instituting a new playoff format this season in which division winners get to pick their first-round opponent. The format could eventually make its way to the big leagues. While this wouldn't solve the schedule problem, it would certainly spur interest by introducing an innovative playoff system, all while making teams compete till seasons end.

At this point, teams are coasting, and for good reason. The playoffs are a second season, and health is just as important as home-

court advantage -- maybe even more important. Would the Spurs honestly have a chance without a healthy Manu Ginobili in the playoffs? What about the Celtics without The Big Ticket? It's the smart move for any team to make. But if such a playoff format was brought to the NBA, wouldn't those players have more incentive to play hurt?

That is up to debate. What isn't debatable is how serious the NBA is about this idea. NBA commissioner David Stern reportedly told ESPN.com on Friday that the league's competition committee will look into the merits of such a system.

Stern has yet to make as big a change to the NBA in his 25 year tenure as commissioner, but with revenues down and fan interest lacking, this could be the type of kick in the rear the league needs.

FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

Greg Norman. Is there anyone else in the history of professional sport whose been robbed more times that The Shark has? You might be able to make a case for the Chicago Cubs or perhaps even the Boston Red Sox? You could even make a case for every team in the NBA during the Jordan-Pippen years? Dale Earnhardt finished second at Daytona multiple times but you can't feel bad for a guy who won the series title seven times. Greg Norman, you can feel bad for.

The Shark may have two Claret Jugs in his trophy case, but he managed to finish second seven times in Major Championships, three times in the Masters alone. In 1986, he led every Major after three rounds and only won one of them. The Saturday Slam as they say.

Norman's short comings in Majors have been well documented. Losing on heart breaking shots, mental errors and dumb luck. In 1986, he lost the PGA Championship when Bob Tway holed out from a green side bunker. While the shot was miraculous, Norman did shoot himself in the foot a bit shooting a 76 that day. In 1987, he lost in a similar fashion at the Masters, when Larry Mize holed out from

45 yards on the second playoff hole.

In 1989, he forced a playoff for the Open Championship by shooting a final round 64, only to make a mental mistake by hitting his tee shot into a fairway bunker, which he didn't think he could reach. Mark Calcavecchia won the tourney as Norman once again managed to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

Again, in 1993, this time at the PGA Championship, he had a 12 foot putt on 18 lip out to give Paul Azinger the title.

Perhaps the most famous Norman "choke" of all was at the 1996 Masters. Norman went into the final round with a 6 stroke lead and managed to blow it and then some, hobbling to a final round 78 and lost the tourney by 5 strokes to Nick Faldo, who fired a 67.

With all this being said, Greg Norman is one of the all-time greats, and I hate the idea of him being remembered more for his historic chokes than the fact that he has amassed 87 professional wins and two Major Championships.

Ability wise, Norman was Tiger before Tiger, except it seems, that fate has had it out for Norman. It's difficult to believe that someone with the ability that Norman possessed/poses could come so close so many times and walk away with nothing.

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That being said, I'm hoping that the Golfing gods have something special in store for us. Unless you count Team USA's Ryder Cup victory last year, there really hasn't been any great "Cinderella story" over the past few years. Not that anything could touch Carl Spackler, the former greens Keeper who became Masters Champion in the Cinderella Story category. As good as last years U.S. Open was, Rocco Mediate didn't win, which defeated the idea of it being a true Cinderella story in my book. Maybe that's just me? It was great golf and I'm not complaining, I promise.

Think about this. How great would it be come the Final Round Sunday, if the final grouping is Padraig Harrington, Tiger Woods and Greg Norman? And, for good measure, Rocco Mediate is in the hunt? Lets say he fires a 67 and brings him into the hunt coming into Amen corner? Lets face it, it would be must see TV regardless of who won. Tiger winning his second event since coming back from knee surgery and his first major since the dramatic win at the U.S. Open last year? Padraig Harrington winning his 3rd consecutive Major? Rocco Mediate and Tiger battling it out once again? And lets face it, If Greg Norman is in the hunt, people will tune in in droves to either watch Norman redeem himself



Greg Norman

Photo Courtesy of AP

or tragically collapse once more. Either way, you know you'd be in front of the TV, gulp, watching golf.

I think everyone who knows anything about golf wouldn't mind seeing The Shark get a green jacket. Last year, Norman was in contention until the final day at The British Open where he placed third behind winner Padraig Harrington and runner-up Sergio Garcia. For a player at his age, the performance was head turning, even after all the success he had had early in his career.

Before the opening round of this years Masters, I

will say a prayer to the golfing gods and ask for vindication for one their games best. Hell, even the Red Sox got their World Series, two in fact, and Dale Earnhardt got his Daytona 500. The Cubs still haven't won a Series in more than a century and lets face it, the Sonics and the Trail Blazers haven't had any success (hell one of them moved) since Jordan and Pippen toiled on them in the NBA Finals, but that doesn't mean Greg Norman can't win a green jacket at 54.

Then again, I had Wake Forest in the NCAA Title game.

MLB Predictions: NL Divisional Winners



Colby Henderson



Jeff Dale



Matthew Castonguay



Nick Cosky



Dan Swartz

NL East:
New York Mets

NL East:
Florida Marlins

NL East:
Atlanta Braves

NL East:
Florida Marlins

NL East:
Philadelphia Phil's

NL Central:
Chicago Cubs

NL Central:
St. Louis Cardinals

NL Central:
Chicago Cubs

NL Central:
Houston Astros

NL Central:
Chicago Cubbies

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Arizona D'Backs

NL West:
Los Angeles Dodgers

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Chicago Cubs

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New York Mets

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

You guys are in an incredible place this week. The planets are arranged in a way that can super-charge your feelings and emotions. Your main task this week is to remain in control of your words and actions at all times. With that said, just imagine the romance, personal creativity potential! this transit offers.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

In a way, your current chart indicates you really have the world in the palm of your hand. This energy sends surges of power through you. Later in the week, you'll become more aware of your true wants and desires. The life force within you is waking up.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

The greatest moments of life are usually the ones where we're at that special place where we can see and appreciate the pure genius and total idiosyncrasy within us at the same moment. I'm here to tell you that you're about to start a brand new chapter in your lives. It contains many elements of the past, but they're arranged in different roles or positions than might be expected.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

Elements of the past will start to reappear. Part of this can be ghosts from the past, which includes ideas or possibilities too. This is the universe's way of allowing you to take full advantage of what you've learned in the past.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

This can be a week where your feelings and emotions are likely to also be weak and subject to physical and intimate temptations. This occurs because the amount of your giving is way out of balance with what is given back to you.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

It just so happens that you guys happen to be in a very strong and positive cycle at the moment. This week's chart energy will feel very free and natural for you. It makes it super easy to talk to and communicate with others. This energy has a way of bringing out the best of your career possibilities too.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

The planet energy is focused on your personal finances. You can bet that everything is happening the exact way it has to to give you the opportunities needed to reach the level of prosperity and abundance you desire. You're out of your mind if you think the universe is going to lay it in your lap without you having to work for it.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

It's all about making sure you are moving ahead this week. You're in a very strong cycle that tends to amplify the effects of your words and actions. This is the kind of pattern that can bring you years of happiness and fond memories in the eyes of others, or cause you to be ridiculed or an embarrassment to others.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

This can be a very personal and intimate time. It's the kind of energy that brings people together. That creates the condition for future bonds to be put in place, but for right now, this is a time that works best if new agreements or commitments are avoided until after Venus returns to direct motion.

Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

There's a brand new day that is out there and it's calling your name. The problem is that you're most likely going to have to let go of a lot of elements of the past in order to move forward into your ultimate future.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

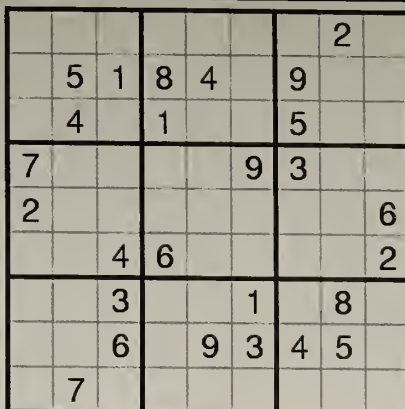
Sometimes we get so used to the struggles and challenges that we fail to notice that we have already have won and there is no need to carry on the fight any longer. That's the core of your chart energy this week, so keep it in mind.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

This week, you cannot be completely spiritual nor can you be completely earthly either. So it's a matter of finding a workable balance where you can take the best of both worlds.

*courtesy of weeklyhoroscope.com



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*Courtesy of www.puzzle.com

Katrina Powell, The College Chef

Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough Cheesecake

- 1 premade Graham cracker pie crust
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 24 ounces cream cheese
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups chocolate chip cookie dough
- 3 eggs

Preheat oven to 450 degrees. In a large bowl, combine sugar, cream cheese, and vanilla. Use a whisk to ensure that all parts are evenly

combined and there are no clumps.

Add the eggs in one at a time, while continuously whisking.

Layer the bottom of the Graham cracker crust with cookie dough.

Make sure that the dough takes up the bottom half of the cake. Next, fill the top half of the cake with the cheesecake filling, pouring it all the way up to the brim of the pan. Place in the oven for 10 minutes. Afterwards, lower the heat to 250 degrees, and bake for 30-40 minutes (or until lightly browned, or the top of the cake begins to split). Chill for one hour before serving.








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Sun 4/5	High 59 Low 36 	Sunny 0% Chance of Prec.
Mon 4/6	High 59 Low 44 	Mostly Cloudy 20% Chance of Prec.
Tue 4/7	High 51 Low 35 	Showers 50% Chance of Prec.
Wed 4/8	High 51 Low 35 	Showers 60% Chance of Prec.
Thu 4/9	High 55 Low 38 	Showers 60% Chance of Prec.

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Iowa legalizes gay marriage

Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Last week, the State Supreme Court of Iowa removed the ban on gay marriage, making Iowa the third state in the U.S. to legalize same-sex marriage.

On April 3rd, the State Supreme Court made a unanimous decision that will have may have a significant impact on the state and on other states. Many supporters of the legalization of same-sex marriage believe that this is a big step forward and hope it puts pressure on California, which passed Proposition 8 in the 2008 November election. Proposition 8 changed the Constitution of California so only marriage between a man and a woman

could be recognized. This was a major setback for the gay community that now hopes that other states will follow Iowa, Massachusetts and Connecticut. The latter two legalized same-sex marriage in 2003 and 2008 respectively.

This decision is definitely a victory for advocates of gay marriage, which remains a very controversial issue in the United States. Some Americans believe that it violates what is natural and that it will lead to polygamy and destroy the family institution. Some supporters retort that it is natural, as seen in different species of animals, and that the family institution is nothing sacred considering over half of the marriages in the U.S. end in divorce. People have many different reasons for either

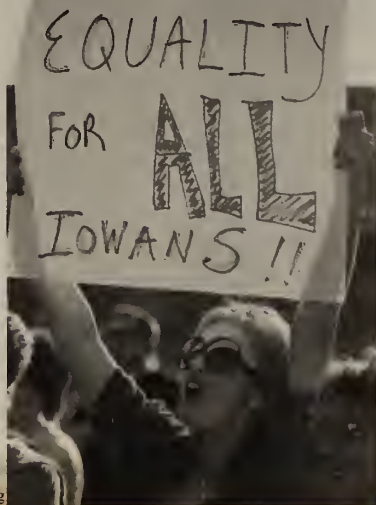
opposing or supporting gay marriage, but the real question here is a legal question. Gay marriage may seem to some to threaten the family institution, but it is nevertheless a constitutional right and a civil liberty.

The 5th Amendment Due Process Clause that says a person cannot be "deprived of life, liberty, or property," is reason enough alone to allow a person the liberty to choose who to marry. The government cannot interfere with other personal rights like freedom of speech, so freedom of personal choice of a life partner should be legal under the Constitution.

However, that is just one argument for gay marriage amidst many others.

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The City of Westfield releases 2008 Water Quality Report

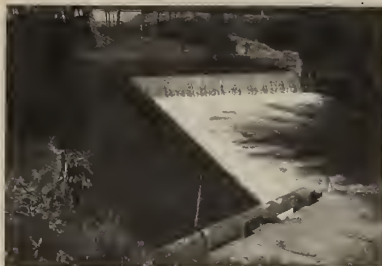


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Marc Bedine
Voice Reporter

The City of Westfield's 2008 water quality report, released in January of this year, stated that in 2008 there were two reported drinking water violations, one in January and another in July.

In July of 2008 there was a violation due to increased coliform bacteria detected in water samples. Coliform is a bacteria that "can be used as an indicator that other potentially harmful bacteria may be present."

However, further testing showed no signs of E. Coli or fecal coliform, according to the

quality report, both of which can lead to illness.

"We sample for coliform bacteria weekly and the college is one of the sites where we do that," said Charles Darling, a systems engineer in the Water Resources office.

Although the report is available in the Water Resources Office, the report is also mailed out to citizens of Westfield. However, this does not include students at the college, or students living off campus whose water bills are paid for by their landlords. This has caused a stir among several students made aware of this fact.

Darling said that ideally they would send the report to each individual student, but this has not been done. "We send the report to every person that is on the billing list it is an insert in their bill, so each individual student does not receive the

report," said Darling.

The quality report is also available in the Water Resource office in the Westfield Municipal Building.

Jennifer O'Connor, a senior who currently lives off campus, and said she uses the tap water frequently, unaware of its quality.

"When I lived on campus, it was more convenient to drink bottled water because there was not a sink in my room," she said. "But, now that I live off campus, I drink the tap water all of the time."

O'Connor, like many other students, was unaware that there was a water quality report. "The report should be sent out to all students, especially when there is a violation, because they are drinking the water just as much as the residents," she said.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) requires the City of Westfield to test it's to make sure the quality meets State and Federal standards.

Bacteria, that can contaminate water has the potential to cause waterborne illness. According to the Environmental Protection Agency website symptoms of waterborne illness include abdominal discomfort or cramping, vomiting, fever, diarrhea, weight loss, and fatigue.

To prevent illness and in order to follow state and federal law, the Water Resource Department tests the water in Westfield frequently. According Darling, Westfield's water supply is more likely to be contaminated because of "high threat land uses."

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Information Technology - 5528
Library - 5231

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Monday-Wednesday - 6:30am-10:00pm
Thursday & Friday - 6:30am-9:00pm
Saturday - 1:00pm-5:00pm

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College students make changes in local communities

Quick Hits

- April is WSC's Jewish Heritage Month. Check your WSC email for dates. On 4/14 there will be a Campus Passover Sedar, \$5 deposit to reserve a seat

- General job fair for all majors: April 29 @ 1PM in Woodward. Students should bring a resume and dress nicely.

- Spring Weekend guest packets go on sale March 30. Email

VPPROGRAMING.SGA @WSC.MA.EDU with any questions. Information can also be found in the facebook group "Stuff to do Woo-hoo."

- The Food Committee will only meet every other week. The next meeting is 4/14.

- Blood drive 4/13 1 - 7PM in Parenzo Gym

- Trivia at The Perch 4/18 and 4/24 @ 10PM

- "A Night in Harlem" 4/15 7 - 10PM

- Third World Organization's fashion show 4/11 in Dever Auditorium 9 - 11PM

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY CAIT PENNDORF 4/11!!!!!!

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY JEFF DALE 4/10!!!!!!

- HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANGELA BUNT 4/22!!!!!!

Thomas Merolli
Voice Reporter

This past weekend, students from Westfield took part in an event called the Hunger Cleanup. Just what is the hunger cleanup? Well taken from the official hunger cleanup website, "The Hunger Cleanup is a one-day service a-thon, where stu-

dents volunteer in the community and get friends and family to sponsor them." Besides that, it was a good way for Westfield students to get involved in the community.

The students from Westfield who participated, Ryan Chandler, Ania Wawrzak, Zack Krauss, Tiffany Carter, Chris Nisco, and myself, helped cook lunch for the local homeless

shelter, The Samaritan Inn. Money, specifically \$254 was also raised through a \$1 week fundraising event, a bake sale, and generous donations. This money went to worldwide hunger fighting efforts, as well as problems on a local scale.

The point is, there is a homeless problem right here in Westfield that isn't apparent at first glance. We have the ability

to tackle it, and some people are already on their way to tackling it.

Westfield State Massping sends people to the homeless shelter to help out every Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

If you want to get involved go to the Massping office in Ely, room 232, and correct this injustice.

Iowa continued...

Essentially, people should understand that the gay marriage issue is a legal one, not just a political one. As the state supreme courts of the U.S. continue to decide this legal question case by case, both supporters and opponents will be politically active in trying to achieve their objectives.

However, many lose sight of the real issue here and that is that states are deciding the gay marriage question based on legal arguments and political and moral arguments that do not involve the Constitution and legal questions should not be considered when the states make their decisions.

Many other states now are considering the gay marriage question. On Monday, Vermont governor vetoed a gay marriage bill but New Hampshire's House voted in favor of gay marriage in late March. Also, the United States Congress has the authority to pass bills that could have a lasting effect on the gay community and the proponents of gay marriage. Americans will just have to keep lobbying for their own views, but for now, the trend seems to be pointing in the direction of legalization of gay marriage and Iowa has just become one of the leaders.

All outside information obtained from The Washington Post.

Water quality continued...

These include "auto repair/body shops, the airport, railroads, machine shops, transportation corridors and illegal dumping," all of which are listed in the report.

Curt Robie, the assistant vice president at Westfield State College, said the college gets its water directly from the City of Westfield.

Aside from the city checking the quality of the water, Robie said, "College plumbers also perform maintenance on the water system to prevent leaks and to perform other work such as flushing fire hydrants to remove any static water from the system."

There was a previous violation in January that was due to a lack of reporting, not detection of bacteria. This was a first according to Darling.

"That is the only time that has ever happened. Our operator was out the week we tested, and when he returned it was February already, and that is an automatic violation."



Clean Water. Healthy Life.



LARRY LANSBURGH

Tuesday, April 14, 2009
333 Garden Level
Conference Room
7:00 pm

Academy Award Nominated and Emmy Winning documentary filmmaker Larry Lansburgh has produced and directed films about varied subjects including aviation, a desert museum and the inspiring lives of young adults with mental retardation. Some of these films have received recognition such as an Academy Award Nomination and an Emmy.

However, when he went to southeast Ecuador to make a documentary called "Dream People of the Amazon" his view of the world changed.

It changed when he realized that he was in a part of the rain forest that has not changed in a thousand years. It changed when he sat in a thatched roof house in the jungle sipping manioc beer with Achuar friends who patiently explained to him that they could understand the lan-

guage of plants, and that their dream was to protect their forest. It changed when he was on his knees on the moist forest floor watching a procession of leaf-cutters returning to their nest, each ant with part of a leaf held above it like a huge green sail. It changed when he filmed an indigenous protest march through the streets of Quito, the capital of Ecuador. Marching shoulder to shoulder were leaders of the Shuar and Achuar people-former blood enemies. One Shuar leader began to shout, "¡El pueblo Shuar/Achuar umdo jamas sera vencido!" (Together, the Shuar and Achuar people will never be defeated).

His view of the world changed when he realized that the Achuar and many indigenous people all over the world-know something that we in the devel-

oped world do not. They know how to exist sustainably on the planet that we all call home.

Several years ago, he began to stand up in front of groups and speak of these things. He showed parts of "Dream People of the Amazon" and answered questions. He spoke with people informally after his presentations. He found that what he was saying resonated with people because it wasn't doom and gloom. He doesn't talk about the same old sad story of poor indigenous people losing their old ways to the modern world.

Larry brings his audiences an inspiring message from an extraordinary group of indigenous people still living a traditional life in the greatest rain forest on earth-and at the same time using ingenious strategies to deal with the modern world.

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The Voice will print some letters anonymously, but your name must be listed on the original letter (you must note that you do not want your name listed because we must speak to you personally to confirm the letter).

The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be dropped off at The Voice office in Ely Campus Center, room C-248, no later than 6 p.m. on the Monday before anticipated publication date.

Solar vehicles as an alternative energy source

Student of the Week

Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

The Westfield Voice recently featured an article about solar power and how it is used as an alternative energy source.

I failed to mention the use of solar vehicles (probably because I anticipated writing an article such as this one) and I apologize if any of you were expecting some kind of discussion on using the sun's energy to power cars and such. Since I tackled ethanol and hydrogen I will now take some time to talk about solar vehicles, how they work, and why they are good/not so good.

The process for powering vehicles on solar energy is essentially the same as that of solar power plants that generate electricity for power grids. Our

old friends the PV (photovoltaic) units play a role, in this case they make up solar arrays, which are placed on the vehicles vertically, horizontally, and even in an integrated pattern (meaning that the car is completely covered with solar cells). These cells power the car electrically, each PV cell generating about half a volt of electricity.

The great thing about using solar energy is that the battery of the vehicle will fully charge any time it sits in the sun and some commercial car companies have installed photovoltaic modules on their vehicles, using the power to ventilate the car and reduce the temperature as it sits in the sun. Using the sun to keep you cool in it. Interesting....

However, solar cars are mainly limited to racecars that perform in races such as the

World Solar Challenge. There are very few civilian vehicles that run solely on solar power and most of those are only prototypes. Unfortunately, as we know, solar power is only good when the sun is actually shining. Clouds, fog, and rainy days are no good – therefore solar vehicles can never be used everyday, all the time. The car manufacturers are undeterred though... well kind of.

Despite the limitations of solar energy, many manufacturers are working on their own "sun machines," particularly Toyota. They are working on a Toyota Prius 2010 model with optional solar panels on the roof to power a ventilation system like the one mentioned earlier and are also rumored to be working on an all-solar vehicle.

Toyota's efforts bring up an interesting point about

solar energy: just because it isn't possible to use all the time doesn't mean that we or the car manufacturers should give up on it. Solar power is still free and easily accessible (as long as the skies are clear anyway) and it can be used for particular systems on vehicles like ventilation. And it's not game over for "full-time" use of solar cars either, who says we can't have designated "sunshine" vehicles? You know, for those Saturday afternoon drives when the sun's high in the sky and there's not a cloud in the sky.

It may be a limited use product, but every minute on the road means that much less carbon emissions being injected into the atmosphere. Major kudos to Toyota.



Stats: Andrea Auger, 19, freshman, Spencer, Mass.

Major: History Education

If you could have any superpower what would it be?
The ability to fly

What do you want to do when you graduate?
Travel to Greece

If you could have one ment for the rest of your life, what would it be?
Grilled Cheese

What was the last movie you saw in theaters?
Slumdog Millionaire

What is your favorite thing about Westfield State College?
My friends

If you could meet one celebrity, living or dead, who would it be?
Marilyn Monroe

If you could attend your dream concert, what would it be?
Jacks Mannequin, Dave Matthews Band, Mayday Parade, and Taylor Swift

What's your favorite TV show as a kid?
Rugrats

Barack Obama: giver of iPods, Star Wars, and DVDs



Photo Courtesy of <http://hottatgossip.co.za>

William Cimino
Buntology.com

Let's be honest. We've all been there. It's Christmas day and you're watching someone open a gift you bought for them with your fingers crossed, hoping you don't get the fake smile and the, "Oh, neat... Chinese checkers" head-tilt.

And on the other hand, we've also had to pretend we're excited about the motivational book about soccer from a

single aunt who's into new-age. I can't help but imagine that that is the same reaction British Prime Minister Gordon Brown had to put on when Obama gave him his gift while Brown visited the White House back in March.

I would love to have seen Barack's face when the Prime Minister handed him "a pen holder fashioned from the oak timber of HMS Gannet, a Navy vessel that served on anti-slavery missions off Africa," and then, "a framed commissioning paper for the HMS Resolute, a Royal navy ship that came to symbolize British-American goodwill when it was rescued by the U.S. from icebergs and given to Queen Victoria."

Obama probably gulped, took his hands out of his pockets, and nervously took a step back before

pulling out his gift for Gordon Brown, a box set of 25 American DVDs.

Now don't get me wrong- any gift is better than no gift. If I were President Obama, I don't think I would have even thought to get a gift for the Prime Minister because I don't know the rules on international gift giving among world leaders. But then again, that's what his advisors are for. I really have to scratch my head and wonder why they OK'd the DVDs.

Again, had it been me and I knew I had to get a present, I think I'd have done a little research and looked at past gifts and made sure mine was up to par. And if nothing else, at least made sure the DVDs were in the correct format and would actually play in a DVD player in Britain. Oops!

I'd sympathize with the president more if he

didn't strike out a second time only a month later. When Obama found out he had to get a gift for the Queen Elizabeth II he apparently thought she was 16 years old. Which is why when he met with her last week, he gave her an iPod. The most hilarious part? She already had one.

At least this time he wasn't getting much in return when she handed him a signed photograph of herself in a silver frame. Talk about arrogance. But I think everybody already knew the British were arrogant just by listening to their accents.

Still, just because the Queen also gives bad gifts, that shouldn't excuse two terrible half-assed gifts by the president- back to back.

Barack, didn't you say you were going to improve our standing with other nations?

Opening Day of the 2009 Major League Baseball Season



Photo courtesy of baseball.org

Steven Christo
Buntology.com

Ladies and Gentlemen—welcome to Opening Day of the 2009 Major League Baseball season, perhaps the sweetest words of every year.

Opening Day in and of itself is in the top five most magical days of the year, and is number one in the sporting world. Not enough can be said about

the excitement and energy level of a Game 7 in any sport or a Super Bowl, but nothing matches the level of Opening Day. It doesn't just mark the start of a new baseball season, but it is a turning point in the lives of every American. It marks the true start of spring, the end of snow and consistent cold, and the beginning of roughly four months of warm sunny weather (granted us northerners still have to wait an extra 2-3

weeks). Everyone starts to get that itch to go to the ballpark and grab a hot dog and a beer, and enjoy beautiful weather while a classic game unfolds in front of you. Or to fire up the grill and drag a TV, or at least a radio, outside and drink your beer while still experiencing the sounds of the game. So I say to everyone young and old, male and female, get out your hats and shirts (even

if they are pink, we'll allow it), eat your hot dogs, drink your beers, and maybe even have one or two of those ice creams that they give you in the little helmets, and get ready for the next six and hopefully seven months. They will be captivating and unpredictable as we all spend each day looking forward to those magical words that happen around 7 p.m. every night....
PLAY BALL!

ALS association honors Arlington resident for contributions in battle against Lou Gehrig's Disease

Richard Lombardo
Special Contributor

ARLINGTON, Mass. — During his lifetime, Dave "Doc" Robinson, 53, has held a variety of professional roles, including soldier/paratrooper, combat media, teacher, systems analyst, human resource manager and restaurant owner.

Despite his fight with the neurodegenerative muscular disease ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), Robinson remains active in helping others, particularly veterans, who also have this disease. Commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's Disease, ALS usually has a survival rate of two to five years from the time of diagnosis.

The ALS Association's Massachusetts Chapter has proclaimed Dave Robinson and his mother Catherine the family that best exemplifies the spirit of "ALS Across America" for the chapter during ALS Awareness Month in May. The "ALS Across America" national campaign recognizes courageous individuals with ALS and their caregivers who are role models to people with Lou Gehrig's Disease.

These special individuals reflect the spirit of the organization as they make a positive difference in their community by expanding awareness of ALS and embodying the spirit of living life to the fullest.

"Right now, I guess I would describe myself as a teacher, veterans' service worker and human services provider," said Robinson, who was diagnosed with ALS in June 2008. "I work for God. I believe that we are put on this earth to take care of one another and make this world a better place for our having been here."

Robinson served two tours of duty in the U.S. Army, three years in the 82nd Airborne Division and then, 22 years later, another three years at state headquarters of the Michigan National Guard. Today, his mother, Catherine, 82, a retired registered nurse who worked as a nursing director at several nursing homes in Cambridge, acts as his caregiver. Robinson followed her retirement from nursing with another 20 plus years of service to her local church, serving as director of religious education and, despite her own physical disabilities,

still actively assists in the majority of service activities throughout her parish.

"Dave has not let ALS control his life," said Richard Lombardo, the chapter's communications manager. "Rather, he has dedicated much of his time to assisting others afflicted with this disease. He has helped to educate other patients who are military veterans on what benefits are available through the Veterans Administration (VA) and has helped to guide them through the application process. Additionally, he has become involved with the chapter's advocacy and public policy efforts, actively recruits and acquires medical equipment for fellow patients in need, has written articles for the chapter's newsletter, and even started his own weekly public access cable television program to spread awareness of ALS."

The show, "Avenging Lou," began airing on all three of Arlington Community Media's cable channels in that city in February.

In spite of his continual activities in supporting the chapter and his fellow patients, Robinson has a modest manner

about himself. "I don't know what makes me interesting, and listing my accomplishments would make me feel like I'm tooting my own horn," said Robinson when asked about his contributions to the chapter. "As far as interests, I love to explore, discover, and learn things, and then show others what I have discovered. I enjoy science, math and astronomy. I love to build things. I love to teach. I love finding solutions to problems, especially to those which hold us back from being everything we are meant to be."

Robinson's determination, stamina, and knowledge impress his colleagues at the chapter. "Dave's insight into the VA system is invaluable," Lombardo said. "He reaches out on a daily basis to military veterans who are living with ALS. His desire to help others is remarkable. He has dealt with adversity in an incredible way, doing everything he can to bring more attention to this illness and the need for funding for research and patient services. He exemplifies what 'ALS Awareness Month' is all about."

Throughout May, The Association and its nationwide

network of 41 chapters will reach out to communities across the country to educate the public about Lou Gehrig's Disease and urge people to join The Association in the fight to make ALS a disease of the past.

The Association's National ALS Advocacy Day and Public Policy Conference, which has grown to be the single largest gathering of the ALS community, and is part of ALS Awareness Month, will be held this year on May 10-12 in Washington, D.C. Robinson and his mother will be attending this event.

The ALS Association is the only non-profit organization fighting Lou Gehrig's Disease on every front. By leading the way in global research, providing assistance for people with ALS through a nationwide network of chapters, coordinating multidisciplinary care through certified clinical care centers, and fostering government partnerships, The Association builds hope and enhances quality of life while aggressively searching for new treatments and a cure.

Iran charges imprisoned journalist with spying

Borzou Daragahi
Los Angeles Times

An Iranian American journalist has been charged with espionage by the country's security court, judicial officials and her lawyer said today.

Roxana Saberi, a 31-year-old freelance journalist living in Tehran, was arrested more than two months ago by authorities and is being held inside the capital's Evin Prison. Sohrab Heydari, the judge overseeing her case, told state television that she is being charged with working for U.S. intelligence.

"The charge against her is one of espionage," he said. "This accused has been coming and going to certain government circles under the cover of reporter and without a permit. And, through the contacts that she has made with certain employees of these government organizations, she has perpetrated actions to compile and gather information and documents and transferred them to American intelligence services."

Iranian authorities said Saberi had been investigated by the counter-espionage section of the Ministry of Intelligence and Security, had confessed to the allegations and had been informed of the serious charges

against her.

"The documents are there in her case and she has admitted to all of the charges," Hassan Haddad, deputy chief prosecutor at Tehran's Revolutionary Court, told the Iranian Students News Agency, or ISNA.

A trial will begin next week, Heydari said.

Saberi's lawyer said he still lacked basic details about the case. "I have not read her file, so I cannot confirm" Saberi's confession, said Abdul-Samad Khorramshahi.

"On Saturday, I will go to see when the trial will be held and whether I can read the file or not," he said.

U.S. officials said they are closely monitoring Saberi's situation through the Swiss Embassy in Tehran, which serves as Washington's representative in the Islamic Republic.

"We are deeply concerned by the news that we're hearing," Secretary of State Hillary Clinton told reporters. "We wish for her speedy release and return to her family."

Saberi, the daughter of an Iranian American father and Japanese American mother, worked as a journalist for various Western news outlets, including the British Broadcasting Corp. and National

Public Radio. Authorities revoked her credentials in 2006, but she continued to report for broadcast outlets and work on a book.

Saberi's parents, Reza and Akiko, arrived in Tehran early Sunday morning and visited their daughter in prison Monday. She had been moved from Evin's solitary confinement ward to a general population segment.

Haddad, the prosecutor, told ISNA that an indictment had been issued against Saberi and that a branch of the Revolutionary Court was investigating the case.

"Since the case is still being investigated and no verdict has been issued yet, we cannot reveal more details on it," he was quoted as saying. "However, as soon as the verdict is issued, more details will be given on the charges against her."

Saberi, born in New Jersey, holds dual U.S. and Iranian citizenship and has been living in Tehran for six years, but Haddad said the Islamic Republic does not acknowledge her American nationality.

"She holds Iranian nationality, passport and birth certificate and has entered the country with her Iranian documents," he said. "We are not aware if she holds any other

nationality and the issue will not influence how Iranian judicial sources handle the charges against her."

Saberi was arrested in late January. She told her parents in an early February phone conversation that she was detained after purchasing a bottle of wine, a criminal offense in Iran. Judiciary and Foreign Ministry officials later alleged that her reporting activities were illegal, though media law experts have disputed that interpretation of Iranian law.

Human-rights monitors have been alarmed by what they describe as a deterioration of civil liberties in Iran since the ascent of conservative President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad in 2005. Iranian officials allege that the U.S. and its allies are using journalists and human rights activists to stir up an uprising against the country's Islamic system, just as the West contributed to the downfall of former Communist governments and their successors in the 1990s and 2000s.

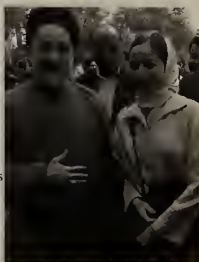
The gravity of the charges stunned Saberi's friends and colleagues, who hoped that she would be released with a vague charge of acting against national security after a few weeks in detention.

"Despite the fact that

we did not think for a second that this was about illegal reporting, the espionage charge came as a shocker," said one friend and colleague, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Journalists who knew Saberi said they doubted she gathered information for U.S. intelligence. Instead she busied herself interviewing politicians and officials of all political stripes for her book, which was to be about contemporary Iran.

"According to my assessment, she was not a spy of any sort," said Kaveh Mehrگان, a journalist for the daily Etemaad who knew Saberi.



Roxana Saberi in Tehran in 2005 with former Iranian President Mohammad Khatami

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Pirates hijack U.S.-flagged ship off Somalia

Edmund Sanders
Los Angeles Times

Nairobi, Kenya — A U.S.-flagged cargo ship that routinely works under contract to the Department of Defense and its all-American crew were hijacked today by pirates operating off the Horn of Africa.

The crew of 20 is believed to be safe and the vessel is heading toward the coast of Somalia, maritime officials said.

The early-morning attack of the Danish-owned cargo ship occurred about 240 nautical miles southeast of the Somali port city of Eyl in the Indian Ocean, according to U.S. naval officials.

The ship's owner, Norfolk, Va.-based Maersk Line Ltd., a subsidiary of Denmark's A.P. Moller-Maersk, is a long-time Defense Department shipping contractor, operating at

times with top security clearance.

But the hijacked vessel, the Maersk Alabama, was not sailing under a Defense Department contract at the time of the attack, according to Lt. Nathan Christensen, a spokesman from the U.S. 5th Fleet in Bahrain.

A Maersk spokeswoman in Copenhagen said the ship was carrying food and "relief aid," but she did not know the final destination of the cargo.

The attack marks a rare hijacking of a U.S.-operated ship in Africa, where piracy has been surging along Somalia's coast and in the Gulf of Aden.

"Every indication is that this is the first time a U.S.-flagged ship has been successfully seized by pirates," Christensen said.

According to Andrew Mwangura, head of the East African Seafarers' Assistance

Program in Nairobi, Kenya, the last pirate attack of an American vessel by African pirates was reported in 1804, off Libya. "It's been a very long time," he said.

It remained unclear who seized the vessel, and there were no reports of ransom demands. Over the last three years, Somali pirates have typically anchored hijacked vessels off the coast and negotiated ransoms of from \$1 million to \$3 million.

U.S. warships, joined by several other foreign navies, have been patrolling the region since late last year, attempting to fill the security gap left by Somalia's weak transitional government. The last functioning government was toppled in 1991.

At the time of the attack today, the closest U.S. warship was 300 miles away and unable to respond. "We are covering 1 million square miles," Christensen said. "It's a

vast area, four times as big as Texas."

He declined to comment on how the U.S. would respond to the attack.

Last year, when a Ukrainian ship loaded with 33 tanks and other military hardware was hijacked, U.S. warships and helicopters provided 24-hour surveillance to ensure none of the weapons were off-loaded to terrorists. After a \$3-million ransom payment was made, the crew and cargo were released safely.

A military intervention would be a mistake, maritime officials warned. "That would just put the crew at risk," Mwangura said.

U.S. officials said they were monitoring the situation.

"Most of the time, negotiations take place with the



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shipping company," Christensen said. "But individual nations have the absolute right to take action."

After improving slightly in recent months, pirate attacks have surged again in the last week, moving from the Gulf of Aden to deep in the Indian Ocean.

Over the last week, attacks have targeted a British-owned ship with a Bulgarian crew, a French yacht and a German container vessel.

At least 16 ships and their crews are currently being held off Somalia's coast, maritime officials said.

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Letter to the Editor

I am writing this letter in response to the article printed March 27, 2009 by Ginger Vannostrand. Ms. Vannostrand criticized an article printed in a previous issue of The Westfield Voice where I was interviewed about my J-Term trip to Belize.

I would first like to clarify my experiences in Belize. I was in Belize for two weeks over my winter break, studying Environmental Biology for Westfield's new J-Term program. I can say hands down that I learned more in this course than I have in any course throughout my college career.

As I stated in the previous article, every time we went out we were learning. Within the two weeks in Belize we traveled throughout different ecosystems. Exploring these several types of ecosystems led me to learn about the environmental threats that affect each area.

Throughout our stay in Belize we had to keep a journal and record what we learned throughout the day. At the end of each day we would discuss what we learned and review it. Each student had to do two presentations of certain topics that were relevant to the ecosystem we were in at the time. We had two exams throughout our stay there and a 5-7 page paper due after our trip.

Belize allowed me to have a hands-on learning experience, gave me the opportunity to

explore and learn about watersheds, erosion, agriculture, macroinvertebrate sampling, deforestation, the flora and fauna of Belize, flooding, and the culture of a different country. So, what I am trying to say is that Belize was the best experience of my life, and I wouldn't take it back for the world. I learned so much and grew as a person from the time I spent there.

I would now like to take the time to clarify some of the quotes stated by Ms. Vannostrand in the March 27 letter. I do not think that it is "cool" that the poverty rate is so high in Belize. I think the experience I was able to have was cool, a word that is commonly used by the younger generation.

I know that I did not get an intestinal disease from the Mayans and I am not blaming them in any way. However, I do think it is important to talk about the reality of getting sick while traveling, just as if a citizen of Belize came to the United States and got sick. I expressed my feelings about the hospital being free and how everyone was extremely nice and welcoming.

I would also like to clarify that I do know there is a lot of poverty and trash in the United States, which is a reason why I am an Environmental Science major. I am curious to know if Vannostrand has ever traveled to Belize herself. The country is beautiful, but without careful

planning for sustainable development I am afraid its beauty will rapidly diminish. The environmental threats that are impacting Belize are extremely dangerous to the country's natural ecosystems.

Among these threats are developmental pressures, poverty and trash management which I saw with my own eyes. I am not saying that the United States is in any way better than Belize, and I do not feel as though I am superior to the citizens of Belize. I just know what I saw during my stay in the country. I could have expressed only the good and positive aspects of Belize in the previous article, but I chose to tell the truth.

I do however agree with Vannostrand, on the fact that I did not know much about Belize before I left. Perhaps more involvement of a pre-course would be helpful for future J-terms.

I hope that I have made myself clear on my experiences in Belize. I do not believe I am in any way like what I was portrayed in the last editorial. I think that there was a misunderstanding and I am hoping one can now see from my perspective what I have to say.

Sincerely,

Lauren Davenport

EDITOR'S DESK



I really have to get this off my chest.

The potholes in Westfield are legitimately the most annoying thing in the world.

I drive in and out of the city at least six times a week (to and from Northampton). In the morning it's not so aggravating, because after driving over at least 30 gouges in the road I have time to calm down before I get to my internship.

On the way home is when it gets really bad. I leave The Gazette happy as a clam, listening to tunes, grinning ear to ear, thinking maybe one day I will actually have a career in journalism and won't always be exchanging Owl Bucks for weed cash.

Then I get into Westfield. After two or three bumps I give a few sighs, after five or six I grit my teeth. By the time I pull into Westfield State College and see the humongous potholes littering the entrances to Old Apartments' main lot and Dickinson lot, I am screaming at random pedestrians and cursing all double-parkers to hell.

Have I mentioned I drive a '93 Chrysler LeBaron?

Westfield State College - FIX THESE POTHOLES. In the city, OK, on the campus, NOT OK.

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EDITOR'S DESK



So today is my birthday... I'm 22-years-old - going on 40.

But my age is not what I'm here to complain about. There is something else about my birthday that grinds my gears every year.

It's Passover. (Holla at me WSC J-Units!)

I can remember every year since I was a wee little Temple tot that my date of birth always happened to fall on the day Moses led the Israelites out of Pharo's wrath. When I was a kid it was always fun.

Eating delicious food, finding the aficomen (for non J-Units, it's basically a scavenger hunt), hearing the story of Passover and chilling with the fam.

But as the years have passed I've grown a little frustrated that Mo could do G-d's work, but he couldn't cook bread. I mean, he'll walk 40 years in the desert, but he can't wait five minutes for bread to rise?

All joking aside, the biggest frustration is every year I can't eat anything with yeast in it. No bread! One of the few thing I want to eat on my b-day, like say cake. I can't.

So lame!

I guess I can look forward to some scrumptious brisket and Dr. Brown's cherry cola, but for now, a delicious matzo-cake will have to do. (Note the sarcasm).

Until next week... peace everybody...

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Potential legalization of marijuana may stimulate struggling economy

With Barack Obama scurrying around Washington looking for a solution to the economic problems this country is facing, he seems to be overlooking an industry that brings in over \$42 billion per year, which may in fact hold the answers to the questions that have puzzled lawmakers for decades.

America is at war and I'm not referring to Iraq or Afghanistan. I am referring to the war on drugs. The war on drugs is an expensive battle, as a great deal of resources go into catching those who buy or sell illegal drugs on the black market, prosecuting them in court, and housing them in jail.

In 2000 alone, the overwhelming majority (88%) of people arrested for marijuana use were arrested simply for possession, as opposed to the 12% who were arrested for intent to sell/distribute. The total number of arrests in 2000 for marijuana use far exceeded the number of arrests for violent crimes including: rape, manslaughter, murder, robbery, and attempted assault.

Marijuana is not a deadly drug. Many studies have been done that prove marijuana users are far less likely to cause harm to themselves or others than people who are under the influence of alcohol or more severe, illegal drugs. One such study was taken by the National Institute of Drug Abuse, Bureau of Morality

Statistics which deals with the average annual deaths caused by certain drugs, including: marijuana, alcohol, illegal drugs such as cocaine and heroin, legal drugs, caffeine, and tobacco. In the study, marijuana came out with the fewest annual deaths, in fact, not a single person has died as a direct cause of marijuana use since the NIDA was established in 1974. Tobacco is the leading killer, taking nearly 400,000 lives per year, followed by alcohol (100,000) and legal drugs (20,000).

A study taken by the UCLA School of Medicine looked at 243 marijuana smokers over an 8-year period and determined that heavy usage of marijuana has minimal effect on a person's lungs or heart. The study concluded: "No differences were noted between even quite heavy marijuana smoking and non-smoking of marijuana."

It is a fact that marijuana does not cause serious health problems like those caused by tobacco or alcohol (e.g., strong addiction, cancer, heart problems, birth defects, emphysema, liver damage, etc.) The FDA or others could regulate the quality and safety of marijuana if it were to be legalized which would make it a safer drug.

Despite these facts, the United States government, along with many other countries around

the world, continues to believe that marijuana should remain illegal. Marijuana brings in nearly \$42 billion annually, which if legalized and taxed, could go a long way towards boosting our economy.

Almost half of the states have taken steps toward legalizing marijuana by decriminalizing the possession of an ounce or less. This eliminates the felony charge given to any person who is caught with possession of less than an ounce of marijuana and instead subjects them to a fine.

Decriminalizing marijuana is, in a way, taking a step backwards and hurting more than it is helping because it is leading to a much larger percentage of marijuana users, all of which are purchasing the drug illegally. If it were to be legalized, the drugs could be sold at a rate comparable to cigarettes and the government would be able to cash in on the tax.

This past Monday, a California law maker introduced a bill that would legalize and tax marijuana in the golden state. News outlets across the country including CBS, the New York Times, and CNN, are starting to explore these inquiries about the benefits of legalizing marijuana. Legalizing marijuana would not solve the country's economic crisis but it would be a small step toward turning the economy back in the right direction.

The Freshmen Experience

By Mary Cafferty



Ah, it's another Banana Pancakes day. Has anyone else heard that song by Jack Johnson? I think it perfectly suits the weather happening right now outside my window. It's not raining yet, but the clouds are there and there's that feel of rain in the air.

I thought March was supposed to come in like a lion and out like a lamb...

Anyway, if you ignore these strange days of intense rain, you're left with amazing stretches of bright blue April afternoons. Those are my favorite. Not too hot, not too cold. It seems that the campus is thawing out. It's so amazing to see people out and around, sitting on blankets reading or playing Frisbee, or just enjoy-

ing the sun in their hair.

Spring seems to be a well of infinite inspiration.

After being frozen all winter, it feels good to be back outside. Even on days like today, when the weather seems always on the brink of rain, I feel restless just sitting inside. I want to make things. Do things. See things.

I have a personal assignment for everyone who reads this: find something to inspire you. Find something that gets you moving, gets you motivated, or gets you thinking. Do something creative or original. Write. Draw. Sing. Make something.

It's one of the best feelings in the world to get away from the computer or the dark dorm

room, to know that you're doing something that's meaningful at least to you. Finding inspiration in unlikely places, stumbling upon it, really - it's freeing in a way that nothing else is.

So all those things in the back of your mind that you've been meaning to do all winter? Well, what's stopping you? Go out and do them! Get up, get out, and go. Enjoy the day and enjoy your life and don't let anything get in your way.

Find your inspiration.

The Angry Liberal

By Molly Coyle



We're not quite to President Obama's 100 day mark yet but he's certainly made some waves thus far. He hasn't begun to be able to fulfill many of his campaign promises yet but that could be because he's been so bogged down in cleaning up the mess from the previous administration. How has he been doing so far? Let's call this Obama's progress report.

So far Obama has had to deal with the economy, or "Issue Number One" as CNN has so wittily dubbed it. Most of the flack he's gotten about all the government aid though has been from the bailout of AIG, which was, again, put in motion by the Bush administration. He put the auto bailout into motion but GM and Chevy are still looking for more handouts. He's getting blamed for forcing out Rick Wagoner,

head of GM.

Even though Obama's presidential campaign ceased quite some time ago, republicans still can't seem to come up with a better insulting word for Obama than "socialist." I'm not stupid, technically the government getting involved in the business world could be called socialism, however what else is he supposed to do? If Obama sat around and let the economy fix itself like so many people said he should have done in the beginning, people would be yelling at him for doing nothing (ever heard of Hoover?) so no matter what Obama does he's not going to be able to please everyone.

Obama has accomplished quite a bit since he came into office in January. During one of his very first days in office he overturned the Global-Gag Rule, a law that

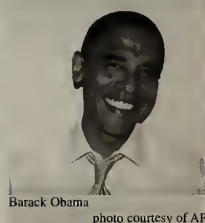
had been put into place and overturned since 1984. The law prohibits the use of federal money to be given to other countries to promote family planning services. Clinton overturned his law, Bush Jr. put it back in place, and Obama finally overturned it again.

Since those first few days Obama passed the \$787 billion economic stimulus package to help jump-start the economy (this is also being referred to as socialism), he has declared that the Guantanamo Bay detention camp will be closed as soon as possible, or no later than January 2010. He is also working on putting into place his campaign promise of increasing troops in Afghanistan by 17,000 and in February he announced that all combat operations in Iraq will end within 18 months. In addition to these things Obama is

also still talking about improving the health care system and working on immigration reform even with everything else that's on his plate.

At this point in time I think it's safe to say that President Obama is not Clark Kent by day and Superman by night but he is managing to try to improve multiple things at once. Our economy is a big enough task at the moment but he's still making sure that people know that other issues that he address on the campaign trail are still on his mind. He's already gotten substantially more done during his first 100 days in office than George Bush got done in his entire second term, and even if there are some things that he hasn't actually done anything about yet (i.e. our situation in Iraq and Afghanistan) just the fact

that he's setting timelines and talking about it shows that he will do something because he's not a stupid man and I'm sure he knows that he can only talk about something for so long without actually doing anything before he starts to lose the trust of the people and that's something that no politician wants.



Barack Obama
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The Conservative Corner

By Sean Klay

It has been a very dynamic first 80 days for President Obama's Administration, and already discontent is brewing within the American electorate. There have been two outlets that have shown this growing discontent with the policies that have come to light since January 20.

The first is the recent Pew Research Poll that shows a 61 point partisan gap in opinions about Obama's job performance, the highest in modern history (yes, Obama even beat out Bush!). The next, and one that I find the most interesting, is the grass roots anti-government spending effort that is taking serious root all across America -- the Tea Party Movement.

In the last few months there have been a series of grass root demonstrations opposing this unrestrained and unashamed government spending that has taken place over the last year. Just since January 20, the federal government has managed to increase the Federal Debt by \$1.2 Trillion, and this administration has proposed more federal spending over the next 10 years than every previous administration combined. This reckless spending has caused a backlash, and this backlash has resulted in the Tea Party Movement.

These mass protests,

which have been occurring in different cities almost weekly (2,200 people in St. Louis, 4,100 people in Cincinnati, 6,000 people in Orlando) promise to culminate on Tax Day, April 15, with at least 300 protests both large and small according to the official Tax Day Tea Party Web site (www.taxdayteaparty.com).

The Tea Party

Movement is having a similar effect on the American political scene as the Obama Presidential Campaign did, by bringing people out and engaging them in politics, some for the first time in their lives! This grass roots effort is being mobilized through many of the new technologies like Twitter, Facebook, and MeetUp.com in order to find supporters and allies. These people have formed in the short span of a few months; a national community of individuals who believe we are being economically oppressed by the new burdens being placed on them by the policies of this Congress and administration.

Personally, I love this for its genius in both relating to historical significance -- the story of the Boston Tea Party and that other tax revolt known as the American Revolution -- and simplicity of the idea itself, in using it as a metaphor to bring

people together to protest the idiocy that the government can spend its way out of recession and debt.

The movement is a platform in which the American electorate can engage not only our elected officials, who are a disgrace to all of us, but also our fellow Americans in uniting and telling our representatives that we don't believe that corporations should be bailed out at all. I reject the notion that anyone or anything is "too big to fail." I reject any proposed tax increases that will further repress the private sectors ability to get us out of our economic doldrums.

If we as a society and a nation except this false premise that anyone or anything is too big to fail, then we have already lost. It will promote bad behavior, and tell those individuals who take part that, "I can do whatever I want, big brother will be there again to bail me out." Do we really want to be in the business of promoting unethical behavior? Deep down, I don't think any of us really believe or want that.

I find it morally reprehensible that the government is bailing out companies that have made mistakes. Life's greatest teacher is failure, and it is OK to let people, and corporations fail.

Our economic recovery does not and can not rest on any plan or any policy that comes out of Washington. They are too concerned with taking advantage of this situation for their own personal and political gain, then in any genuine concern for the people who really matter. It rests on individual Americans, through personal initiative and perseverance in standing up and taking charge of their own lives, and not letting events dictate it to them. It is this trait that has made and defined this country what it is today. We as a nation are more than capable of standing up and taking charge of our own individual lives, and taking care of ourselves. We don't need government to bail us out and pamper us. Yes it is true, that sometimes we get in way over our heads, and need a helping hand, but that is why we have families, friends and communities.

Furthermore, the current economic woes can not and should not be blamed on capitalism. The system is not the problem, however some of the people that take part in it are. The system is not responsible for the conduct of individuals that have taken part, that individual is. We as a nation have in many respects tossed values and

morality out of the window because its popular to think that we don't need them anymore.

The fact of the matter is, that we still do. Society needs a moral compass to keep its members in check, and tell us what is acceptable and what is not. It is what restrains individuals from doing bad and evil things to others. There will always be people who are bad apples in life, however, there will be less of them as long as we all maintain an ethical set of values to live by.

Those who support greater government control and regulation are wrong. That would essentially give the control over the economy, what is produced, how its produced, and how much of it is produced into the hands of an oligarchy of unelected government bureaucrats. Taxes will have to be raised yet again in order to fund and support even more inefficient government bureaucracy, which will take more money from the private sector, and further stifle economic growth.

The Tea Party movement, I think will be the starting wake up call to our nation. Sometimes the best course of government action is for it to take no action at all.

Obama Cautions Iraqis on Future

Ernesto Londono
Washington Post

BAGHDAD, April 7 — President Obama declared Tuesday that Iraqis "must take responsibility for their country" and predicted that the next 18 months will be trying as U.S. troops start to leave a country stymied by security threats and political problems.

During his maiden visit to Iraq as commander in chief, Obama elicited cheers and thunderous applause from American troops inside a palace built by Saddam Hussein as he thanked them for their service.

"Under enormous strain and under enormous sacrifice, through controversy and difficulty and politics, you've kept your eyes focused on just doing your jobs," Obama told the troops shortly after landing in Baghdad for a visit that had not been disclosed. "You have given Iraq the opportunity to stand on its own as a democratic country."

Obama, in Iraq after an eight-day trip through

Europe and Turkey, said he was heartened that Iraqis were increasingly fighting their battles in the political arena rather than on the street. But he cautioned that Iraq's upcoming national election is likely to bring many of the country's unresolved political issues "to a head."

"They have got to make political accommodations," Obama said. "They're going to have to decide that they want to resolve their differences through constitutional means and legal means."

Iraqi leaders remain at odds over several issues. Chief among them are the way the country's oil wealth will be distributed and a simmering fight between Arabs and Kurds in northern Iraq over control of disputed territories.

After speaking to the troops, Obama met with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki at Camp Victory. The two leaders spoke privately for a few minutes and later addressed a small audience from podiums flanked by flags of the two nations.

"Dialogue should be the only way to resolve any

issue, whether it was among components of Iraqi society or in the region," Maliki said, summarizing his conversation with Obama.

In sharp contrast to the previous U.S. presidential visit to Iraq, in December, when an Iraqi journalist hurled his shoes at President George W. Bush, many Iraqis spoke approvingly of Obama on Tuesday.

"It is important as it represents American pressure on the Maliki government to take serious steps toward reconciliation," political scientist Nasayef Jassem said of the visit. "It is important in that it will push the government to fulfill its promises."

Obama, who spent less than five hours in Baghdad and did not leave the sprawling U.S. military base adjacent to the airport, arrived in the capital amid fresh signs that violence in Iraq could be on the upswing.

A spate of car bombings in Baghdad on Monday killed more than 30 people, and two explosions in the capital and in the western city of Fallujah killed 12 people

Tuesday.

The attacks prompted Iraqi President Jalal Talabani to call for "quick, effective" measures to "prevent the security situation from collapsing."

Talabani said in a statement that Iraqi leaders are concerned about intelligence reports that suggest al-Qaeda in Iraq plans to assassinate top Sunni politicians.

Air Force One arrived at Baghdad International Airport shortly after 4:40 p.m. A light sandstorm created a bleak backdrop as Obama stepped off the plane to greet Gen. Ray Odiemo, the top U.S. commander in Iraq.

Obama reiterated his commitment to withdraw all U.S. troops by the end of 2011 and, in an apparent reference to the widely held view that the United States invaded Iraq looking for oil, said his country "pursues no claims on Iraq's territory and resources."

Obama, an early critic of the war in Iraq, last visited Baghdad in July, at the height of the presidential campaign, during which he vowed to end

the unpopular war quickly.

Since taking office in January, he has taken a more cautious approach, saying the United States needs to leave Iraq carefully and responsibly.

The deteriorating situation in Afghanistan has in recent months eclipsed the conflict in Iraq, where U.S. casualties have declined sharply.

"Obviously, we've spent a lot of time trying to get Afghanistan right," the president said. "But I think it's important for us to remember that there's still a lot of work to be done here."

Sgt. Justin Roark, 24, of Little Rock, said Obama's visit was a morale booster for the troops, many of whom have endured multiple arduous deployments.

"President Obama's visit lets us know that he still has us on his agenda as one of his top priorities," said Roark, who is weeks away from leaving Iraq. "I understand that he wants to shift focus to Afghanistan, but this tells me that he hasn't forgotten about us."

WSC rugby in full swing

Andrew Johnson
Voice Reporter

For those who are not aware, the first ever rugby team at Westfield State was created earlier this fall, and continues to remain very active this spring. What started with just pickup games in Stanley Park and the back of south lot is now an officially declared club team. The group has acquired a coach, equipment and funding from the school and is taking serious steps to build upon the program while having some fun with the sport.

Complied of roughly twenty active members, with two team captains Jack Nealon (Fr.) and Charlie B (Sr.). The team's coach is Dennis Rand, an experi-



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enced 'rugger' who has played for over 20 years in different leagues in both the U.S. and overseas and is also a former coach at UNH and Keene State College. The team is still on the hunt for new members (no experience or knowledge of the sport is required), so if you think you might be interest-

ed in playing some rugby while at college, the team meets: Mondays and Wednesdays at 4:30 at Stanley Park, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4:45 in front of Dickinson-

the team travels to Springfield to practice with the Springfield Rifles rugby club.

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Lyricist behind Spears, Ludacris, Timbaland releases debut LP

James Dinh
Voice Reporter

Keri Hilson is no stranger to the music business. While her name might not sound too familiar, the woman has been a cream of the crop contributor to the lyrics and vocals for material from artists like Timbaland, Briney Spears, Ciara and Ludacris. And slowly making her way behind the music scene, it was inevitable that she'd finally release something of her very own.

Produced mostly by hit hop heavy weights Polow da Don, Dunja, and Timbaland, *In a Perfect World* mixes Keri's soulful voice, attitude and sass on a collection of energetic club joints and bass filled slow jams. The album, which was pushed back several times due to label budget cuts, rightfully puts Keri in the spotlight for once but what's the spotlight without any friends to share it with? Timbaland, Keyshia Cole, and Trina, among others, also make guest appearances throughout the

LP.

On the lead single, "Energy," a regretful Keri sings about the lost love that exists in a relationship. "I'm having nightmares from sleeping with the enemy/ How did we reverse the chemistry?/ I don't want us to be the end of me/ This love is taking all of my energy," she sings in the chorus of the mid-tempo, trippy ballad. She takes command and comes off as a scornful woman in her pursuits to reclaim love. Second single, "Return The Favor," finds Hilson playing seductress with collaborator Timbaland. With an electrifying intro, head nodding bass, and a sparkling sequence that replays throughout the track, the two find themselves in a battle of dirty talk.

Unfortunately, neither song really garnered too much success or notice. But third time might be the charm as single number three, "Turnin Me On," has already gained heavy airplay and features a guest spot from Lil' Wayne. With a vibrating and penetrating beat, Keri speed

talks her way as she entices her male counterpart. "You better come correct how you 'proachin me/ Dime divas give it to me/ I gotta be feelin your energy/ I gotta be for sure that you're into me /Recognize a real woman" she sings exuberant with attitude. Songs like "Make Love" and "Slow Dance" trade Keri's pair of Nike Air Force 1's on the club bangers for the skinny black dress and accompanied running mascara on the 90's Janet-esque ballads. Playing vocal acrobatics, Keri's soothing vocals and blending falsetto create an amorous atmosphere. The boys, Kanye West and Ne-Yo, lend a helping hand on the bouncy "Knocks You Down" while the girls, Keyshia Cole and Trina, show up on the female anthem, "Set Your Money Up." The VIP guests might be just what she needs to propel her name into even brighter lights.

While some cuts rely on tiresome musical formulas, the LP delivers quality R&B with Keri's strengths residing in her catchy hooks and radio friendly

tracks. Whether it's the embodiment of female empowerment or despair from a broken heart, Hilson proves authentic. Having a few good well-known musicians also doesn't hurt either. But while in a perfect world, Keri would receive the recognition and success she does deserve, it's unsure as to whether

that will be the case. It's unfortunate that the record might have trouble finding success based on the fact that her name value might not be as strong as Rihanna.

Regardless after years of working in the inside, Keri Hilson deserves to overtly shine among her peers.



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DJ of the Week



Name: Lynsey Freeman (Senior)
Show: Odds & Sods, Wednesdays 8-10pm

Tell me about your show.

I'm very chatty and I play a lot of old music from the vault. I also try and mix in some new stuff like Radiohead, Pearl Jam, and the Gorillaz's.

What kind of music do you listen to?

I listen to a little bit of everything. Mostly classic rock and current Indie rock. The only thing I really don't listen to is hardcore metal. However, I am the biggest Who fan you will ever meet.

What is your favorite Nickelodeon show and animals?
Spongebob Square Pants and ducks and rabbits

Top 10 Billboard Singles

1. Lady GaGa - Poker Face
2. Flo Rida - Right Round
3. Soulja Boy Tell 'Em (Featuring Sammie) - Kiss Me Thru The Phone
4. T.I. (Featuring Justin Timberlake) - Dead and Gone
5. Jamie Foxx ft. TPain - Blame It The
6. All-American Rejects - Gives You Hell
7. Kelly Clarkson - My Life Would Suck Without You
8. Miley Cyrus - The Climb
9. Lady GaGa ft. Colby O'Donnis - Just Dance
10. Ciara feat. Justin Timberlake - Love Sex Magic

Time Machine by Franny Zupancic

This Week in Music History

The month of April is a fitting time to write about bands that the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame has overlooked in its yearly induction ceremonies. Last week's example was metal pioneers Motorhead. This week's example couldn't be any further away from Motorhead on the spectrum of musical genres, but is equally overlooked and forgotten every year.

The Moody Blues released their first studio album, *The Magnificent Moodies*, in 1965. April 2009 marks the nineteenth year of induction eligibility for the Hall of Fame, after the release of sixteen studio albums, six live albums, six greatest hits albums, a handful of DVDs, and a boxed set. April also marks the 30th anniversary of the release of their fourth album, *On the Threshold of a Dream*.

On the Threshold of a Dream was the first of two albums released in 1969 by the group, with the second being *To Our Children's Children's Children*. The songs of *Threshold* were linked together by a common theme: dreams. The album begins with a poem by drummer Graeme Edge spoken over electronic sounds, consistent with poems appearing on previous albums, like "Late Lament" from the 1967 album *Days of Future*.

Passed.

The album is not very lengthy, which may explain why the band was able to crank out two albums within a span of seven months, but it was successful on the charts. The album was the band's first number one album in the United Kingdom, but the band's only single off the album, "Never Comes the Day," was a failure.

Key tracks on the album depend on what style of music you like. There are songs that are psychedelic and 'trippy,' like the opening track, "In the Beginning," or "Dear Diary." Three of the four band members tend to switch off on vocals, so it is also a matter of which vocalist/writer you prefer. The Justin Hayward penned track "Lovely To See You" is still performed at all of their concerts. "The Voyage" is an instrumental piece that features the mellotron, a signature innovation and technique of the band at the time.

The following album, *To Our Children's Children's Children*, featured even more experimentation and innovations. The album featured so much orchestration and overdubbing that most songs were unable to be played live, with the exceptions of "Higher and Higher." The album was inspired by the

1969 moon landing, and similar to the previous three albums, also was a concept album. The theme for this album was children and space travel. It is also worth noting that it was the debut on the band's own record label, Threshold Records, named after *On the Threshold of a Dream*.

If you are a fan of The Beatles, The Who, Jethro Tull, the Grateful Dead, or any other bands known for experimentation, concept albums, and 'thinking outside the box,' you need to give this band a thorough listen. They are long overdue for an induction into the Hall of Fame.

Where are they now?

Well, they AREN'T in the Hall of Fame, but they are on tour. The band most recently toured the United Kingdom, and announced a 2009 USA tour. Unfortunately that USA tour really only consisted of dates in California and Nevada. The band is currently a trio consisting of drummer Graeme Edge, guitarist Justin Hayward, and bassist John Lodge. The former fourth member, flutist Ray Thomas retired from the group in 2002. The remaining three members are currently working on a follow-up to their 2003 Christmas album, *December*.



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Weekend Box Office Sales

1. Fast & Furious
2. Monsters Vs. Aliens
3. The Haunting In Connecticut
4. Knowing
5. I Love You, Man

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EDITOR'S DESK



Easter is upon us and I am looking forward to spending time with my family, some of whom I haven't seen since Christmas, and feasting on a great brunch I look forward to every year as well as a traditional game of pick up basketball with my cousins. Last year, unfortunately, I missed Easter because I was in Paris. I didn't complain too much.

Sox are losing 5-1 right now to the Rays but I honestly can't complain because I am just glad that the season has started and baseball is back. So much for going 162-0. However, the Yankees are losing 7-1 to Baltimore which is great to see.

Only a couple issues remaining and it's finally starting to sink in. As much as I complain about working on the paper on a weekly basis, I really enjoy it and I especially enjoy the people I work with. It has been fun and I am sure to make the best of the final couple of weeks.

Have a great weekend everybody.

Song of the week: John Mayer Trio - Another Kind of Green

Colby Henderson
Editor-In-Chief

Upcoming Shows In Northampton

@ The Calvin Theatre

Saturday, April 18 - Jimmy Fallon - 8pm,
\$32.50

@ The Iron Horse

Saturday, April 11 - Jeffrey Foucault/Rusty Belle - 7pm, \$15

Saturday, April 11 - Danny Pease and the Regulators/Street Credit - 10pm, \$10

Wednesday, April 15 - The Clicks/Plushgun - 8:30pm, \$13

@ Pearl Street

Saturday, April 11 - Rocco DeLuca and the Burden/HoneyHoney - 9pm, \$18

For tickets, visit: ihcg.com

Phish to play Fenway Park

Colby Henderson
Editor-In-Chief

The popular Vermont based jam band, Phish, announced this past week that they will play a one night gig at Fenway Park on May 31st. The announcement came on the bands website.

Phish reunited this past March for a three night stand at the Hampton Coliseum in Hampton, Virginia. These shows marked the first time the full band played together on stage since their farewell concert in Coventry, Vermont in 2004.

The Vermont based jammers will cap off a week-end of music at the old ballpark, as the popular jam band,

Dave Matthews Band, will perform on May 29th and 30th, leading up to the much anticipated Phish show on the 31st.

This year marks the seventh straight summer in

The Police (2007), and Neil Diamond (2008). However, 2009 will mark the first year in which Fenway will host more than one headlining act.

Tickets for the Fenway show will be offered exclusively through the band's website via a lottery system. The deadline to sign up for the ticket lottery is Sunday, April 12th at 11:59pm. All remaining tickets will go on sale to the public on Saturday, April 18th via



Phish performing in Hampton, Virginia photo courtesy of phisheads.com

which Fenway has transformed the diamond into a stage, as the 97 year old ballpark first hosted Bruce Springsteen & The E Street Band in 2003. Since then, Fenway has played host to Jimmy Buffett (2004), The Rolling Stones (2005), Dave Matthews Band (2006),

ticketmaster.

The Fenway show is not the only area show Phish is scheduled to play this summer. On June 6, they will play the Comcast Center in Mansfield which is part of their 2009 summer tour.

Fallon, Wright to perform in NOHO

Colby Henderson
Editor-In-Chief

The Calvin Theater in Northampton has added two famous comedians to their spring schedule, Jimmy Fallon and Steven Wright.

Fallon, who rose to stardom as a cast member of the popular late night comedy show, Saturday Night Live, from 1998-2004, will perform on Saturday, April 18th.

Upon leaving the SNL cast in 2004, Fallon went on to star in several movies, including

Fever Pitch, where he played a diehard Red Sox fan opposite Drew Barrymore. Fallon experienced several box office flops which led to him taking more interest in stand up.

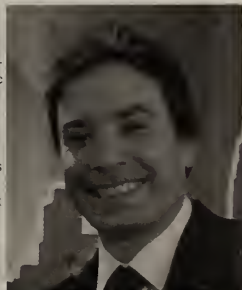
Fallon is currently the host of NBC's Late Night with Jimmy Fallon, in which he took over for the Conan O'Brien in early March. Tickets for his performance are \$32.50.

Wright, a Boston native and veteran on the stand up

scene, will take the stage at the Calvin on Saturday, June 6th. Tickets for his performance are \$38.50 and \$28.50.

Wright, 53, is known for his dry, lethargic voice and slow, deadpan delivery of ironic, witty, and sometimes confusing one-liners.

Wright was born in Burlington, MA and attended Emerson College where he began performing stand-up comedy in 1982. Wright



Jimmy Fallon Photo courtesy of NBC.com

has influenced many comedians including the late Mitch Hedberg, whose comedic prose is often compared to Wright's.

Wright's 1985 comedy album entitled "I Have a Pony," released on Warner Bros. Records, received critical acclaim and was nominated for the Grammy Award for Best Comedy Album. In 1989, he won an Academy Award for his short film, The Appointments of Dennis Jennings.

Tickets for the shows can be purchased on the Iron Horse Entertainment Group website, ihcg.com



Steven Wright photo courtesy of stevenwright.com

Pete Francis and Barefoot Truth



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Schedule of Events

Day/Date

Location

Friday, April 17

4:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Themed Dinner

Dining Commons

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Movie: Role Models

Ely Main Lounge

9:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Comedian Rob O'Reilly

Ely Main Lounge

10:30 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Brown Bag Bingo

Ely Main Lounge

12:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Midnight Breakfast

Ely Main Lounge

Saturday, April 18

10:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Ely Main Lounge

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

iPod Playlist

Campus Green **

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Outdoor Band: "Intermission"

Campus Green **

11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

BBQ Lunch

Campus Green **

11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Novelties, student organization tables

Campus Green **

12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Beer & wine concession

Campus Green ***

3:00 p.m.

Doors open for Concert

Woodward Center

3:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Spring Weekend Concert

Woodward Center

WSC Night Owls

Pete Francis featuring Barefoot Truth

Braddigan (with full band)

• 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Dinner

Dining Commons

Rain sites: * = Ely Campus Center, ** = College Dining Commons, *** = Cancelled



Owl's shut out Smith, 2-0



WESTFIELD, Mass. – Junior left fielder Danielle Lutenecker (Sunderland/Frontier Regional) slugged a home run and a double to power Westfield State to a 2-0 victory over Smith College in non-conference softball action on Tuesday, April 7.

Westfield, which received solid pitching from senior Chelsea Sylvia (South Darnmouth) and freshman Madeline Tomich (Alford) improved its record to 13-7 heading into Wednesday's doubleheader at Amherst College. Smith drops to 4-15.

Lutenecker gave the Owls a 2-0 lead when she slugged a solo home over the left field fence in the second inning. In the

fourth inning, she cracked a double off the center field fence.

The Owls took a 1-0 first-inning lead. Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass./Drury) led off with a single and scampered the whole way to third base on a sacrifice hit by Alicia Gardner (Athol). Katie Gorman (Feeding Hills) then hit a two-out bloop single over the third baseman to drive home Mason.

The Owls had runners on second and third with no outs in the third inning but didn't score. They also stranded Lutenecker at third base in the fourth.

Smith had two major scoring threats. The Pioneers had runners at second and third with

one out in the third inning, and the bases loaded with one out in the fifth.

Both teams collected six hits. Mason and Lutenecker were 2-for-3. No player had more than a hit for Smith; pounding a two-out sixth-inning double was Jessie Paull.

Sylvia was credited with the mound win. She struck out four in four innings and allowed two hits. Tomich earned the save; she fanned three.

Senior Emily Hiltzik pitched a fine game for Smith. Keeping the Owls off balance with her changeup, she struck out six and walked one.

Bridgewater Bests Westfield, 18-13

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Freshman Kristin White (Amherst, Mass.) and junior midfielder Shannon Manning (Framingham) scored five and four goals, respectively, to lead Bridgewater State to an 18-13 victory over Westfield State in a key New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance (NEWLA) game on Tuesday evening, April 7.

Bridgewater, which outscored Westfield, 12-6 in the second half, boosted its record to 3-0 overall and 3-0 in NEWLA. Westfield, a third-year varsity program, saw its seven-game winning streak snapped as it moved to 8-2 and 3-1.

Trailing 4-2, the Owls went on a 5-1 run to take its largest lead, 7-5, with 3:38 left in the first period. They led at halftime, 7-6.

Manning and White scored

in the first 1:33 of the second half to give the Bears an 8-7 lead. Westfield tied the game twice over the next five minutes on goals by



Rachel Costa scoops up a grounder.

Photo By Kellye St. John

junior Ally Brown (North Andover).

With the score knotted at 9-all, the Bears took the lead for good on a goal by White with 19:26 remaining. Westfield trailed,

11-10, on another Brown goal at the 18:23 mark.

Bridgewater led 12-10 with 6:19 remaining when it began a 4-1 scoring run to take a commanding 16-11 lead at the 3:56 mark.

Finishing with three goals for the Bears were Courtney Lennon (Swampscott) and Jenny Jones (Framingham). Sophomore Rachel Dionne (Feeding Hills) led the Owls with four goals and an assist, while Brown had three goals and two assists.

In a key statistic, Bridgewater converted 5 of 9 free position shots; Westfield was 2 for 5.

Owl freshman goalie Kaity Burns (Wilbraham) made 12 saves; Bridgewater goalie Meghan Griffin (BillERICA) had 10 stops.

Wasuk Selected ECAC All-Star

Westfield State College senior Andrea Wasuk received another prestigious honor as she was selected to the ECAC Division III Women's Basketball New England all-star first team.

The 2009 MAS-CAC player of the year led the Owls to the conference championship, an NCAA Tournament berth, and a 22-5 record.

Wasuk also was All-American honorable mention selection by

Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) and a New England Women's Basketball Association (NEWBA) All-Region first-team selection.



Andrea Wasuk

Chricosta, Burns Players Of Week

Westfield State College sophomore Laura Chricosta (Lexington, Mass.) and freshman Kaity Burns (Wilbraham, Mass./Cathedral High School) have been selected the New England Women's Lacrosse Alliance player and rookie of the week for April 5.

Chricosta led the Owls to a 3-0 week with 22 goals and four assists. She had six goals and an assist in a big 14-13 victory over Worcester State College. She scored 10 goals vs. Becker and six goals vs. Rhode Island College.

Burns recorded 22 saves in the 3-0 week. She registered six saves against Worcester State, including eight stops in the second half of the big victory.

Westfield, a third-year varsity program, owns an 8-1 overall record and a 3-0 conference mark heading into Tuesday's key game vs. Bridgewater State.



Kaity Burns

Brennan, Sylvia Players Of Week

Westfield State College's Kim Brennan and Chelsea Sylvia were named the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) softball player and pitcher of the week.

It was the second straight week that Sylvia earned MASCAC pitcher of the week honors. The senior standout notched a 2-1 pitching record with three complete games, including a five-inning

no-hitter in an 8-0 victory at Worcester State.

Brennan batted .458 (11 for 24) with five doubles, seven runs scored and six RBI in the Owls' seven games last week. She had three doubles and three RBI in the 8-0 triumph at Worcester State.

For additional MASCAC information, including statistics, go to: www.mascac.com.

Becker game postponed

The away baseball game scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, vs. Becker College has been

postponed because of wet grounds.

The game has yet to be rescheduled.

UConn's Perfect: Huskies Cruise to Sixth NCAA Title

Camille Powell
Washington Post

ST. LOUIS, April 7 -- Connecticut's 76-54 victory over Louisville in the women's NCAA basketball final Tuesday night was only a few minutes old when its players gathered at one end of the Scottrade Center court and danced. Commemorative T-shirts covered their jerseys and blue caps sat askew on their heads as they boogied alongside their cheerleaders and their big white mascot.

The Huskies had disrupted such purpose and ruthless efficiency en route to winning their first 38 games of the season, but that melted away once they wrapped up the program's third undefeated season (joining the 1995 and 2002 squads) and sixth national title (first since 2004).

Junior center Tina Charles, the Final Four's most outstanding player after posting 25 points and 19 rebounds, gleefully told the announced crowd of 18,478, "I just want to say one thing: President Barack Obama, I'll be seeing you soon!" Coach Geno Auriemma, who is now 6-0 in national finals, stood atop a ladder to cut off the net, then slipped his body through the hoop and waved to the

Connecticut fans. When he returned to the floor, his players picked him up, tried to mash a hat on his well-coiffed hair, and then carried him off the court.

"We can finally breathe," said senior point guard Renee Montgomery, who had 18 points and four assists. "Everything we won -- the Cancun tournament, the regular season, Big East -- we couldn't be too excited because we had another game to follow up. ... So I think this is the first time we actually can just stop and really enjoy the win for more than a couple of days."

The 22-point victory was a fitting end to what was a thoroughly dominating season by the Huskies. They won their games by an average of 30.5 points and became the first team in NCAA history, men's or women's, to go undefeated and win every game by a double-digit margin. The largest deficit they faced this season was eight points -- they went on to win that game, against California in the round of 16, by 24 -- and only one team, Notre Dame, held a second-half lead against them.

The Cardinals (34-5) lost to Connecticut twice during the regular season by a combined score of 168-101, but they vowed that this game would be different. Louisville, a third seed, knocked off three

of the top five teams in the country in succession -- No. 5 Baylor, No. 3 Maryland and No. 4 Oklahoma -- just to get to Tuesday's game.

"There is no question UConn. is the best team in the country. There's no doubt," Louisville Coach Jeff Walz said Monday. "But what we have to do is find a way to play better for 40 minutes. That's it."

To that end, Walz, a former Maryland assistant, told his players to think of the final as a series of mini-games, each comprising the four minutes between media timeouts; the goal, freshman Becky Burke said, was to win as many as possible and to not get blown out in any.

The Cardinals started off strong, taking a 9-3 lead into the first timeout. Senior Angel McCoughtry (23 points) scored the first basket of the game, a three-pointer from the left corner that gave Louisville its largest lead against Connecticut this season. The score was tied at 15 at the second timeout; McCoughtry had 11 of Louisville's points.

Then the Huskies started to take control. Sophomore Maya Moore, the



Connecticut's Tahirah Williams celebrates another crown.

Photo by AP

consensus national player of the year, deflected a pass to freshman Tiffany Hayes, and she set up Moore for a fast-break layup. Burke responded with a shot along the baseline to even it at 17 with 10 minutes 39 seconds left in the first half, but the Cardinals came up empty on three straight possessions, missing two layups and throwing away a pass.

"We know that when another team scores, we want to drive it right back at them," said Moore, who finished with 18 points, 9 rebounds, 5 assists and 3 steals. "And usually when that happens, Renee will push it in transition and find Tina and we will get one in and we'll just keep thriving on that momentum."

Louisville, which

doesn't have a true point guard or a player taller than 6 feet 2, struggled to contain Montgomery and the 6-4 Charles, a pair of all-Americans. At halftime, Montgomery and Charles had outscored Louisville, 26-25, the Huskies had 39 points overall.

"The worst part about doing something like this is you have to be asked what it feels like," Auriemma said. "Now I'm not saying it's because we don't want to say what it feels like; it's just you can't put into words what it feels like. This is the first time since the brackets came out that I don't feel like I'm going to get sick, physically sick, thinking about everything that was ahead of us."

Jordan leads Hall of Fame class

Jeff Dale
Editor-At-Large

With names like Jordan, Robinson, Stockton and Sloan, the NBA's 2009 Hall of Fame class could be considered the best ever. On Monday, Michael Jordan, John Stockton, David Robinson and Jerry Sloan were all elected into the Hall.

Jordan won five MVPs, six world championships (winning Finals MVP every time), two gold medals, and is the third-most prolific scorer in NBA history.

"I don't know if I really wanted that call, because I don't want it to end," the Great One said of getting into the Hall. "Every time I see these guys, I want to put my shorts back on."

While it was met with laughter, MJ seemed somewhat serious. Easy there, MJ.

David Robinson was much more humble, as "The Admiral" could only be.

"For my son to be here and see that dad really did play basketball, it means a lot," Robinson told NBA.com.

MJ was the greatest

ever, and Robinson was certainly one of the best ever, but John Stockton could be considered the best pure point guard ever. He still stands No. 1 in assists and steals all-time and is one of the greatest players to never win a championship.

Stockton's coach for all those years, Jerry Sloan, was also elected. Sloan is the longest-tenured coach in professional sports. He is also fifth all-time in career wins with 1,035.

Who's hot?

Jason Kidd

Stockton might be number one for the time being, but Kidd had a 20-assists night on Monday, passing Magic Johnson for third all-time. When guys are making shots like this, it helps.

LeBron James

Honorable mention. His 38 points against the Spurs might give him the nod for MVP-Elect.

Who's not?

Zach Randolph

He was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving Monday. Taking Randolph off the Knicks' hands might be the nicest favor Mike Dunleavy has done for anyone.

Well, unless he actually starts giving rookie Eric Gordon more minutes.

Injuries and absences

Allen Iverson is shutting it down for the season because of a balky back. The Pistons have played better without him, and still could upset somebody if they're overlooked come playoff time.

Andrew Bogut is also done for the year, and the Bucks can finally put this season behind them.

Manu Ginobili, who has already missed 19 games with an injured ankle, will likely miss the remainder of the season and possible playoffs as well. The ankle was originally reported as just sprained, but now appears to be fractured. This is a crushing blow for the Spurs playoff hopes.

Kevin Garnett's knee continues to keep him out of the defending champs. The Celtics' faithful are crossing their fingers he's 90 percent for the playoffs.

Quote of the week

"You really think he can beat me?"

—MJ, to NBA.com, when asked if he would play Magic Johnson



one-on-one if the national championship goes to overtime

Games to watch

Magic at Rockets

Two giants of the game go head-to-head in this one, and they are giants indeed. Who knows? This could even be a championship preview. Weirder things have happened before. But watching Yao Ming at 7-foot-6 go against Dwight Howard at 7-foot-2? The NBA hasn't had big men of this ilk in their prime in a while.

76ers at Bulls

With a week left in the NBA season, we can safely say these two are in the playoffs, but with a combined 71-83 record, do they really deserve to be? This will a

Courtesy of www.ew.com

bum-off, and may the best mediocre playoff team win. Without A.I., the Sixers have a better record, but losing a player of his status is never good. Even if their record without him is better. Chicago is actually playing good ball of late, winning seven of 10 games.

Heat at Celtics

Game 78 of the season for the Green, and this time, expect Dwyane Wade to play unlike the last meeting -- an ugly Celtics win. KG will likely still be out, so it should come down to defending D-Wade from a Herculean performance. Ray Allen will look to go bombing away again.

FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

Ok, its Monday afternoon, Opening Day, and I'm sitting in the Voice office watching the Mets and Reds thinking about all the ridicule I've been taking for picking the Atlanta Braves to win the NL East in last weeks round table. I really don't think its that big a long shot that the Braves will win the division this year and I'm not sure why everyone thinks it's a forgone conclusion that the Mets or Phillies will take the division.

If it pleases the court, I would love to make my case for picking Hotanta to take the East this year.

First off, the team that is in place right now, will not win the division. I picked them because I am counting on them to make moves. John Schurholtz is one of the best GM's in the league and there is no way he doesn't make at least one dead line move in July to bring that team to another level. Two years ago, he traded for Mark Teixeira at the deadline and this year, I see him getting at the bare minimum, a 2-3 in the rotation type starter. Or possibly even Jake Peavy. The Padres can't afford to keep Peavy next year and will have to deal him to a contender by the trade dead line, and why not Atlanta? In the off-season, when the Padres were shopping him, Atlanta was one of the places he said he would accept a trade to? Obviously its going to come down to which team is willing to over pay the most for him.

The Braves certainly have the players to get a deal done for Peavy. Keith Law of Scouts Inc. says the Braves still

have the 4th best farm system in all of baseball even after the Teixeira and Javier Vazquez trades in recent years. The Padres want to ditch Peavy's contract and get as many prospects in return. San Diego is obviously in a re-building stage (and lets face it, seems like they have been since 1998) and aren't drawing enough to pay large salaries. Taking the Tampa Bay Rays as a building model, the Padres are looking to stock their farm system with prospects the way Chi City stocks his fridge with drinks. A good way to do that would be to pick clean the Braves system in a deal for Jake Peavy.

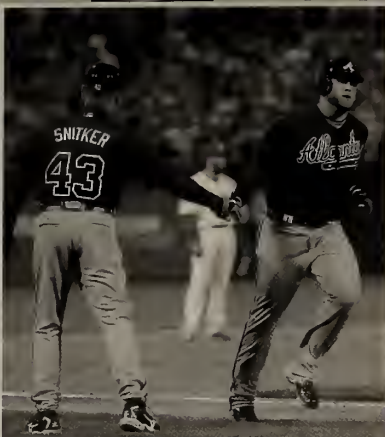
On the Braves side, you have to figure they'll be willing to deal some prospects if the team is in contention at the All-Star break. Last season, the Braves weren't very good but that had a lot to do with their pitching staff and the fact that Jeff Francoeur had a worse 2008 than Roger Clemens did. Francoeur was anemic at the plate and hit only .239 with 11 homers and 71 RBI in 2008, down 54 points in BA, 8 homers and 34 RBI from his 2007 totals of .293, 19 and 105. As Francoeur goes, so go the Braves. He's retooled his swing from last year, opened his hips and is seeing the ball much better. Hell, he homered off Brett Meyers on the first pitch he saw this season on Sunday night. If Francoeur stays on track this year, the middle of that order is pretty good. McCann, Jones, Francoeur and rookie Jordan Schafer, along with Casey Kotchman and newly acquired

Garrett Anderson, the Braves will score runs this year. Of that, I have no doubt.

Schurholtz also made their pitching staff better. I know Derek Lowe is not ace material on most teams but he does have the experience this staff needs. They are a young team and adding Lowe to the front of the rotation will be huge for the first part of the season. Javier Vazquez was acquired to be the #2 and, lets face it, that's not a bad #2 if he pitches the way he did in Chicago, not the way he did in the Bronx.

The Braves has a few other options too. I think they can pull off this minor miracle run to #1 by getting someone other than Peavy, though Peavy would be best. Jarrod Washburn and Erik Bedard from Seattle, Brandon Backe in Houston, Odalis Perez in Washington and Justin Duchscherer in Oakland all have contracts that expire at the end of 2009 and could be being shopped around the deadline. Any of these guys would be fairly cheap and would provide the final solid arm the Braves need to compete in the East.

I'll be honest, I'm not sold on the Mets until the do it. They've been choke artists the last couple years and I'm not confident in them coming down the stretch, regardless of how many closers they have in that pen. Philadelphia is probably the best team in that division, but I'm not 100% sold on them. Brett Myers in hit or miss and besides that, I feel like the only pitcher they really have is Cole Hamels, and unless he wins 77 games this year (which, would



Braves catcher Brian McCann rounds third base after he hit a two-run home run. The first of three homers by the Braves. AP

be a record...) I don't see that stuff being good enough to win 90 games.

Not to mention, Tim Hudson is expected to return to the Braves staff in late July-early August if all goes according to plan. Hudson, who is recovering from elbow surgery, still has ace stuff when he's not hurt. Yes, lately Tim Hudson has been spending more time on the DL than Mike Hampton, but that doesn't mean he can't come back healthy in August and remain healthy for the final 2 months of the season.

If the Braves can hold on in 3rd place, without falling more than, lets say, 10 games out

of first, I think they can make a serious run at the division, if not the Wild Card. Schurholtz will make moves. He's not one of those ramby pamby GM's who hold their ground at the trading deadline. He's made moves before and will again this year.

At least, I'm banking on him doing so. How confident am I? So confident I bet Dan Swartz \$10 that Atlanta would finish within 5 games of the division at the end of the year. That's how close I think it will be. Time will tell and we shall see. All I know is its damn good to have baseball back and to be arguing intensely over nothing again.

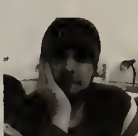
Roundtable: Master's Predictions



Colby Henderson



Jeff Dale



Matthew Castonguay



Dan Henderson



Pat Dayton

1. Padraig Harrington

2. Tiger Woods

3. Rory McIlroy

1. Vijay Singh

2. Tiger Woods

3. Paul Casey

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2. Padraig Harrington

3. Greg Norman

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3. Geoff Ogilvy

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2. Phil Mickelson

3. Padraig Harrington

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

Your hard work will payoff and advancement looks positive. You should not get involved in joint ventures. Don't let them blame you. Catch up on any correspondence you've neglected.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

Be precise in your communications to avoid any misunderstandings and arguments. Empty promises are evident, so get things in writing, to be safe. You will have an interest in foreigners and their cultures. Check your personal papers and make sure everything is in order.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

You may be offered opportunities that will result in a higher earning potential. You will do best to entertain those you wish to close deals with. You can expect the fun to fly on the home front. You may need a physical outlet that will help you relieve your tension.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

Be discreet and don't present your ideas until you're certain that they're foolproof. Take time to explain your intentions to loved ones. Problems with financial investments could make you nervous. Be careful when dealing with female members of your family.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

Go over important documents and take the time to suggest alternatives. Take time to catch up on overdue correspondence. Visit those less fortunate than yourself, be sure to help them with their personal problems. Cultural activities will prove to be quite enlightening for everyone.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

Property investments should payoff. Don't back down but don't ignite the situation. Your dramatic approach to life has probably gotten to your mate. You can expect changes in your financial situation. Try to put away some money so that you'll be able to do some fun things that may come up this week.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

Don't hesitate to sign up for lectures or seminars that will enlighten you. Don't be too quick to judge your loved ones. You can have a working relationship with anyone if you exercise patience and understanding of the dilemmas they face. Visitors may be likely to drop by.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

You like to stay busy and now is your chance to do just that. Don't hesitate to voice your opinions at a group meeting. However, keep your thoughts to yourself at home. Escapist tendencies will result in a poor reputation and a lack of confidence. If it can make you extra cash, it will be even better.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

You might find added popularity with those around you this week. Don't hesitate to make special plans just for you and someone special. Older family members may take advantage of you by making you feel guilty. You must make them stand on their own two feet regardless of how much you want to make things better for them.

Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

Don't rely on others to handle the workload. You can convince others to follow suit. Disappointments are likely if your mate embarrasses you in front of friends. Only bite off what you can chew.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

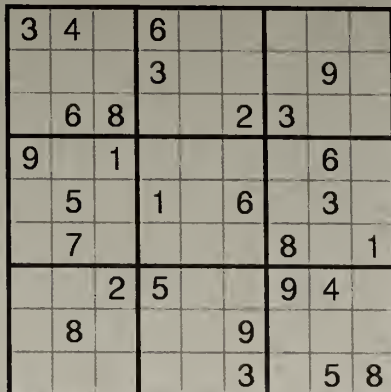
Things will be emotional with your mate. Don't let situations get out of control. Take care of the needs of elders in your family. Romance will unfold if you take trips or get together with friends.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

Family members may feel anxious if you make promises you don't deliver. Avoid letting family get involved in your personal life. You may jump from the frying pan into the fire if you make a move this week. Avoid arguments with relatives who might be conservative and outdated.

*courtesy of astrology-online.com



Daily SuDoku: Wed 8-Apr-2009

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*Courtesy of www.puzzza.com

Katrina Powell, The College Chef

Parmesan Herb Crusted Chicken
*for 2-4 people

1 package lean chicken breast
1 cup mayonnaise
2 cups Italian breadcrumbs
1 cup parmesan cheese
? cup melted butter
Garlic powder
Parsley and Basil
Lemon pepper seasoning
1 package Uncle Ben's ready rice
1 package Béarnaise sauce mixture—needs 1 cup milk and ? cup butter

In a large bowl, combine the breadcrumbs and parmesan cheese. Next, coat each piece of chicken with a thin layer of mayonnaise. Cover each coated piece of chicken in the breadcrumb mixture. Next, sprinkle the garlic powder, parsley, basil,

and lemon pepper seasonings on both sides of each piece of chicken. Place the chicken in a large frying pan coated with cooking spray. Cook over a medium flame for approximately 6-7 minutes, or until each side is golden brown. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan, add Béarnaise mixture, milk and butter. Heat over a low flame and whisk continuously until mixture is thick and creamy. Follow directions on the back of the rice package to cook (90 seconds in microwave). Next, pour the melted butter over the chicken for a finishing touch. When sauce is done, use it to cover the chicken and rice completely, and top with a dash of parsley.








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Mon 4/13	High 55 Low 36  Partly Cloudy 10% Chance of Prec.
Tue 4/14	High 54 Low 38  Partly Cloudy 10% Chance of Prec.
Wed 4/15	High 54 Low 38  Cloudy 20% Chance of Prec.
Thu 4/16	High 56 Low 41  Partly Cloudy 20% Chance of Prec.

Hours Of Operation

Dining Commons

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-8:00p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 8:00a.m.-1:30p.m. & 4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.

*Cyber Cafe located in the Dining Commons is open 24 hours with limited self service

Subway

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-11:00p.m.

Saturday 12:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

Sunday 12:30p.m.-11:00p.m.

Dunkin Donuts

Monday-Thursday 8:00a.m.-9:30p.m.

Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 7:00a.m.-12:30a.m.

Quixotes

Monday-Thursday 8:00a.m.-9:30p.m.

Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

Jazzman's Cafe

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-11:00p.m.

Saturday 12:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

Sunday 1:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

Pandini's

Monday-Sunday 8:00a.m.-12:00a.m.

The Perch

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Garden Cafe

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Bookstore

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30a.m.-6:00p.m.

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Friday 8:30a.m.-4:00p.m.

Saturday 11:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

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Westfield State College hosts Sustainability Earth Day Fair

Angela Bunt
Managing Editor

Westfield State College hosted its annual Sustainability Earth Day Fair Wednesday in an effort to celebrate the eco-friendly holiday while also educating the campus.

The fair took place on the Tekoa Patio off of the Father Dean Dining Commons, and featured displays about sustainable farms, conserving energy, and eating and growing naturally.

Blossoming Acres, a farm located in Southwick, Mass., displayed tie-dye, soap and baked goods- all of which were homemade. Amanda Humphrey, the creator of the products, was manning the table and said that Blossoming Acres started as a farm and expanded.

Blossoming Acres owner Lenita Bober is now selling baked goods, soaps and lotions out of a remodeled barn. Humphrey said that any product not produced by Blossoming Acres is homemade or homegrown locally. Blossoming Acres farm is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on College Highway road.

Another table which boasted homemade goods was Barnum & Buckley Farm. The farm is owned by Vicky

Barnum, who brought her two baby goats to the fair to keep her company. Lilly and Pumpkin are female Boer Goats, or, meat goats.

The family-run farm offers maple syrup (homemade of course), free-range eggs, goat meat and fresh turkeys. Barnum & Buckley Farm is located in southwestern Massachusetts and can be found at www.barnumandbuckleyfarm.com.

Rosemary and Donald Gowdy participated in the fair, representing Valley View Acres, a business they run out of their house on Valley View road. The Gowdys, a married couple, were selling all things honey, with free samples to boot. Their table was lined with honey jars, honey mustard and honey chapstick, which owner Rosemary said also works as a cold sore remedy.

Other displays included Pernell Gerver's organic lawn and garden products, Western Massachusetts Master Gardeners, Educate Malawi, Inc., and Waste Management of MA South Hadley.

Information about home energy conservation and a display of pure soy candles by the Whip City Candle Company were also available at the fair.

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Faculty and staff contract situation close to resolution

Jeff Dale
Editor-At-Large

WESTFIELD- Seven months ago, on Sep. 22, the faculty and staff of Westfield State College took part in an informational picket, spreading the word about their stalled contract negotiations. Those negotiations have finally come to a solution.

WSC's faculty union president, Professor Ken Haar said the resolution is close, but the professors won't receive all they want due to the current economic climate.

"This is the way the faculty see it. On average we are

paid 15 percent less than other states that surround us. We got commitment from [Governor Patrick], but we fell into this recession," Haar said.

Other professor's like Tom Gardner of the Communication department reiterated this sentiment.

"The failure to negotiate left us in this situation," Gardner said. "Given the economic climate now we will be lucky to get any increase."

What the new contract will likely include is a new review process for post-tenured professors, but all terms have yet to be disclosed. A press release was sent out to professors on April 15 asking for their input, but ultimately the changes will

likely be the following:

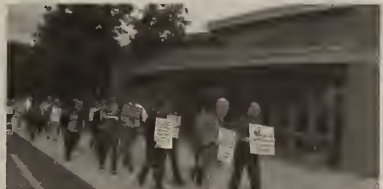
- 1.5 percent to 3.5 percent salary increase for part time and full time professors depending on their rank.

- Required tenure of six years instead of seven for a professor to leave on sabbatical

- Bereavement leave for a spouse, child or stepchild will increase from four days to seven

Gardner noted the sabbatical and bereavement changes were included because they don't cost the state any money.

"The negotiations are not always what's best for the system, but rather what is best



Faculty & Staff march in support of Westfield State during their picket on Sept. 22, 2008

photo by David Harris Reid

politically," Haar said.

Since July 1 of last year, the faculty and staff of WSC worked under the old contract. Haar said the new contract will be ratified in early May, when it is voted upon.

Until then, the profes-

sors of Westfield State College work under the same contract as before -- a contract which ran out almost a year ago.

Gardner said, in the end the school will not be able to attract the same high quality educators has they have today.

Useful Phone Numbers:

Bookstore - 5657
Public Safety - 5262
Information Technology - 5528
Library - 5231

Wellness Center Hours:

Sunday - 1:00pm-8:00pm
Monday-Wednesday - 6:30am-10:00pm
Thursday & Friday - 6:30am-9:00pm
Saturday - 1:00pm-5:00pm

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May 1
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Tickets are \$18

Poetry reading by JD
Scrimgeour and Cody
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Tuesday, April 28
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Reading day, May 5

Finals begin May 6

President Dobelle named to national education commission

The American Council on Education (ACE) Board of Directors has named Evan S. Dobelle, president of Westfield State College, to serve on the council's Commission on Effective Leadership.

The national commission advises ACE and also guides the ongoing development of the Center for Effective Leadership's programs and directs new initiatives. It serves as a forum for member presidents to explore issues related to leadership and institutional development in higher education.

Commission membership offers to the opportunity to collaborate with leaders from all sectors of higher education, as well as provide education community.

according to Molly Corbett Broad, president of ACE.

The council's areas of focus include access, success, equity and diversity, institutional effectiveness, lifelong learning and internationalization.

"I look forward to working with the American Council on Education, especially since the values of Westfield State College mesh so perfectly with the council's areas of interest," Dobelle said. "Horace Mann founded the college in 1838 as the first institution of higher education without barriers to race, gender or economic class."

The three-year appointment will run from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2013.

Dobelle was appointed 19th president

of Westfield State College in December 2008, after serving as president and CEO of the New England Board of Higher Education. He previously served as president of Middlesex Community College in Massachusetts, City College of San Francisco, Trinity College in Hartford and the University of Hawaii system.

He has received numerous honors, and six honorary degrees, for his work in education, including a recent Award of Distinction from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, School of Education and a Hallmark Award for Excellence in Higher Education from The College Board.

Dobelle has been a leader on the national level in both



President Evan Dobelle

education and politics, having served on national

Presidential Commissions on education issues and as Chief of Protocol of the United States, with the rank of ambassador, during the Carter Administration.

He holds bache-

lor's, master's and doctoral degrees in educational administration from the University of Massachusetts, and a master's in public administration from Harvard University.

WSC's Sustainability Earth Day Fair continued...



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All Letters to the Editor must be signed with your year and phone number if you are a student and department if you are a faculty member or administrator.

The Voice will print some letters anonymously, but your name must be listed on the original letter (you must note that you do not want your name listed because we must speak to you personally to confirm the letter).

The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be dropped off at The Voice office in Ely Campus Center, room C-248, no later than 6 p.m. on the Monday before anticipated publication date.

WSC to present Chekhov's "Three Sisters"

The Westfield State College Theatre Arts Program will present Anton Chekhov's *Three Sisters*, in a version by Irish playwright Brian Friel, this week in Parenzo Hall's Dever Auditorium.

Performances of the program's spring 2009 production are 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday evenings, April 22-25, with matinee performances at 2:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25.

Ticket prices are \$8 general admission, \$6 for faculty and staff and \$3 for students and senior citizens. Tickets can be reserved by calling 413-572-5682, or purchased at the door prior to each performance. Tickets also can be purchased in advance at the Campus Center Service Window in Ely Hall.

Written at the turn of the 20th century, *Three Sisters* examines and celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and our ability to endure the seemingly unendurable.

The play reveals our need to create form and structure to preserve and find meaning in our lives. In the midst of hard-

ship, Olga, the oldest of the three Prozorov sisters, proclaims: "We must go on."

"The works of Chekhov seem to speak poignantly to our current time," said Jack Shea, the play's director and coordinator of the Theatre Arts Program. "This year there have been high-profile productions of all four of his masterworks on the stage in New York. Cambridge's American Repertory Theater recently staged Chekhov's *Seagull*, and two other Boston theatres have produced his plays."

Three Sisters is one of Anton Chekhov's four masterpieces of dramatic literature. The late Richard Gilman, former drama and literary critic and professor in the Yale School of Drama, said of Chekhov's masterpiece: "While *Three Sisters* may not be the greatest drama ever written, it would be hard to establish that it isn't."

Gilman once wrote that Chekhov — regarded as one of history's greatest literary artists for his plays and his short stories — anticipated the works of Samuel Beckett, who was to write in the mid-20th century.



photo courtesy of smilepolitely.com

Student of the Week



Stats: Jennifer O'Connor, 22, Ashland, Mass. (Go Clockers)

Major: Business, with a concentration in accounting.

What do you want to do when you graduate?

Just to travel. I want to go to China, Spain, Greece and back packing with my roommate Rachael Sabbag.

If you could have one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

My dad's lasagna. I get it every year for my B-Day. It's the best.

What was the last book you read? "A Souls" I recommend it for anybody who's interested in Southie Gangsters.

What super power would you like to have?

Teleportation! I would teleport myself back home to 77. To class. To the gym. Wherever.

What's on WSC Bucket List before you graduate?

1. Be student of the week -- mission accomplished!
2. Go to The Perch.
3. Spend one more night in the dorms.

If you would like to be Student of the Week email thevoice@wsc.ma.edu and tell us why.

RE-THINKING DOWNTOWN WESTFIELD

Come to the Central Baptist Church on 115 Elm St. and voice your ideas and opinions on Westfield's new downtown development plans.

Student input needed!

Part 1: Explore! April 23-25

Using maps, photos and more, explore downtown Westfield. Take these observations and integrate them into new ideas for the downtown.

Part 2: Develop! April 30-May 2

Contribute design ideas and determine the necessary actions for a sustainable downtown revitalization plan.

Visit: www.westfielddowntownplan.com

Westfield State students works with Habitat for Humanity in Springfield

A group of ten students from Westfield State College worked on a house in Springfield for Habitat for Humanity this past weekend. Seven of the students traveled over spring break week in March to work on Habitat houses in Stuart, Fla., or Almost Heaven, W.V. Three students participated for the first time.

Westfield State students have been working with Habitat for Humanity for the past five years.

Jason M. Harish, residence director for Courtney Hall, said the students completed interior work and put the finishing touches on the house at 6 Chester St. in Springfield on Saturday.

"This was my fifth Habitat build," Harish said. "It is a phenomenal experience that I highly recommend people get involved in."

Harish said that Westfield State plans to continue its Alternative Spring Break program, in which students travel to build houses for



Habitat for Humanity®

www.habitat.org

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Habitat for Humanity. The college may add another building trip during the academic year.

"We are also looking to expand our relationship with the Springfield Affiliate of Habitat for Humanity so we may offer trips to local builds for students," he said.

"There seems to be a growing interest on our campus. Being able to work side by side with the students and witness the impact that these ventures have on them has been a truly rewarding experience."

WSC offers poetry reading

The English

Department Events Committee and the Campus Center invite you to a poetry reading by JD Scrimgeour and Cody Walker, Tuesday, April 28, at 7:00 pm in Wilson Auditorium A.

J.D. Scrimgeour holds a BA and MA in English from Columbia University and an MFA (in poetry) and PhD in American Literature from Indiana University. He has published a collection of poetry, *The Last Miles* (2005) and two books of creative nonfiction, *Spin Moves* (2000) and *Themes For English B: A Professor's Education In and Out of Class* (2006), which won the AWP Award for Creative Nonfiction.

His poetry has appeared in magazines such as Poetry, Ploughshares, Colorado

Review, River Styx, Tar River Poetry, Connecticut Review, and Diner, and it has won awards from the National Society of Arts and Letters and the Academy of American Poets. In 2008 earned a finalist for a Massachusetts Cultural Council Individual Artist grant in poetry.

Scrimgeour's nonfiction has appeared in such publications as *The Boston Globe* magazine, *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Creative Nonfiction*, *Thought & Action*, and *Organica*. His essay, "My Outfield," won *Creative Nonfiction's* Writing about Baseball contest.

Scrimgeour has served as Coordinator of Creative Writing at Salem State College for several years. In this posi-

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EDITOR'S DESK



At the time I am writing this it's my 22nd birthday. I was born around 5 p.m. so it's official-- I am now an old lady.

So far the day has been great. It started at midnight on Tuesday when I drank a glass of wine in honor of the holiday. This afternoon at my work study job I had cake, and in just a few short minutes I'll be celebrating with friends and eating cheesecake.

Once I get out of The Voice.

My mom often tells me it should be a day of celebration for her, because she's the one who birthed two hefty babies. Well, Jackie was hefty. I was malnourished.

People often ask if I mind sharing a birthday. To be honest, I've never really thought about it. But, if I had to choose, I would say I definitely prefer sharing. Think about it-- it's 50 percent less embarrassing when people sing birthday songs, and 100 percent more cake. Wait, does that make sense? I'm really bad with percentages.

Happy Birthday to me and Jackie, Happy Earth Day to the earth, and Happy Administrative Professionals Day to... administrative professionals. Whatever that means.

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EDITOR'S DESK



Spring Weekend has come and gone and it made me realize something.

I graduate in three weeks.

The few thoughts that ran through my head, other than all the work I have to do before I walk the plank, was how I pulled this off in the first place.

Freshman year I was two steps out the door. I was ready to pack up and leave, but something told me to stay.

Now I'm on the cusp of becoming a graduate.

Weird...

I would be lying if I said I feel ready to graduate, but I have to. It's the next step.

The work we have done here at The Voice will certainly help me in making the next step.

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So if you're a freshman who doesn't know how the next three years will go, don't sweat it.

Woody Allen said 80 percent of life is showing up. That's what I did for the past four years. Show up.

If you do that, you'll be all set.

Until next week... peace everybody...

Jeff Dale
Editor-At-Large

Rice approved waterboarding in 2002

R. Jeffrey Smith
Washington Post

Condoleezza Rice, John D. Ashcroft and other top Bush administration officials approved as early as the summer of 2002 the CIA's use of harsh interrogation methods on detainees at secret prisons, including waterboarding, that new Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. has described as illegal torture, according to a chronology prepared by the Senate intelligence committee and declassified by Holder.

At a time when the Justice Department is deciding whether former officials who set interrogation policy or formulated the legal justifications for it should be investigated for possible crimes, the new timeline lists at least a dozen members of the Bush administration who were present when the CIA's director or others explained exactly which questioning techniques were to be used and how those sessions proceeded.

Rice gave a key early green light, when, as President George W. Bush's national security adviser, she met on July 17, 2002, with the CIA's then-director, George J. Tenet, and "advised that the CIA could proceed with its proposed interrogation of Abu Zubaida," subject to approval by the Justice Department, according to the timeline. Abu Zubaida, the nom de guerre of Saudi-born Palestinian Zayn al-Abidin Muhammed Hussein, was captured in Pakistan in March

2002. He was the first high-value detainee in CIA custody, and the agency believed the al-Qaeda associate was "withholding imminent threat information," according to the timeline.

Rice and four other administration officials were first briefed in May 2002 on "alternative interrogation methods, including waterboarding," the timeline shows.

Waterboarding is a technique that simulates drowning. A year later, in July 2003, the CIA briefed Rice, Vice President Richard B. Cheney, Attorney General Ashcroft, White House counsel Alberto R. Gonzales and National Security Council legal adviser John B. Bellinger III on the use of waterboarding and other methods, it states. They "reaffirmed that the CIA program was lawful and reflected administration policy."

"This was not an abstract discussion. These were very detailed and specific conversations," said Jameel Jaffer, director of the National Security Project at the American Civil Liberties Union. "And it's further evidence of the role that senior administration officials had."

At that point, the United States had also captured Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the self-proclaimed mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, who was waterboarded 183 times in March 2003, according to recently released Justice Department documents.

Secretary of State Colin L. Powell and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld were not briefed on the program until September 2003, the narrative shows. "Strikingly, unless there is a further story in records not yet shown to us, the secretary of state and the secretary of defense were not involved in the decision-making process, despite the high stakes for U.S. foreign policy and for the treatment of the U.S. military," said Sen. John D. Rockefeller IV (D-W.Va.).

Reached in California, Bellinger declined to comment. Attempts to contact Ashcroft and Tenet through spokespeople were unsuccessful. Rice did not respond to an e-mail, and a spokesman for Gonzales declined to comment. The CIA also declined to comment.

"This chronology is misleading and incomplete and does not reflect the NSC review process or the information presented to the NSC," said a former White House official involved in the deliberations.

Cheney has said repeatedly that the CIA program was legal and critical in breaking up a series of planned terrorist

attacks. He has called on the Obama administration to declassify memos examining the effectiveness of the interrogation policies he supported.

In the fall of 2002, four senior members of Congress, including Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), now speaker of the House, were secretly briefed on interrogation techniques, including waterboarding, according to U.S. officials. Pelosi has confirmed that she was then "briefed on interrogation techniques the administration was considering using in the future. The administration advised that legal counsel for both the CIA and the Justice Department had concluded that the techniques were legal."

In early 2004, a comprehensive report by the CIA inspector general raised new questions about the program, including queries about the waterboarding of three detainees. It said that the interrogations were not clearly legal under an international treaty the United States had signed, known as the Convention Against Torture, which bars cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment that falls short of torture.

A fresh legal review by the Justice Department prompted Ashcroft to inform the CIA in writing on July 22, 2004, that its interrogation methods -- were legal. The following month, the head of the department's Office of Legal Counsel added that even waterboarding would be legal if it were carried out with a series of safeguards according to CIA plans. By May 2005, the department had completed two more reviews of the program that came to the same conclusion. Those were among the memos President Obama released this week.

After the leak in 2005 of a Justice Department memo that narrowly defined the type of activity that would constitute torture, Rice traveled to Europe in an effort to quell the international uproar. As her trip was getting underway, she said: "The United States government does not authorize or condone torture of detainees. Torture, and conspiracy to commit torture, are crimes under U.S. law, wherever they may occur in the world."

Rice also said at the time that the administration's policy "will be consistent" with the international convention prohibiting "cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment." A former aide said that gaining administration approval for Rice to make this statement was "a move forward."

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The Angry Liberal

By Molly Coyle



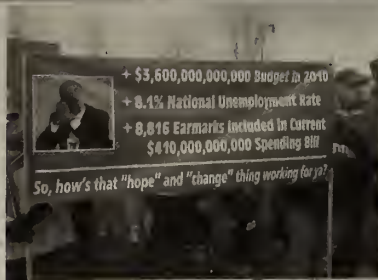
It's probably not surprising to anyone that I think the quote from the Times Union that my conservative friend refers to is pretty dead on. I'm all for showing your government how you feel and I personally love political demonstrations (I was born in the wrong time period) but the "tea parties" that took place in April 15th were hardly what could be called "grass-roots."

For weeks before these protests took place Fox News has been pushing its conservative right wing agenda, even sending its own Glenn Beck, along with dozens of republican senators, to speak at one of the rallies. On the movement's website (www.taxdaycaparty.com) the three sponsors listed at the bottom of the website are Don't Go Movement, Smart Girl Politics, and Ifcort which are all conservative organizations. In fact, on the Don't Go Movement website the 2009 agenda is listed in big letters at the top of the page saying, "Hold the democratic majority accountable." This doesn't sound like a very

diverse movement to me.

I did watch the video where the CNN reporter clearly didn't agree with the people at the rally and became hostile toward the man she was talking to (which was not proper journalistic behavior) however there was a segment after the part that aired where a woman accused the journalist of only talking to the extremists and not to regular people like herself. She also claimed that there were people of diverse backgrounds at the protests and I'm sure that not every single person at these rallies were conservative republicans but just the fact that the event's website is sponsored by three conservative websites seems to indicate that the conservatives had a heavy hand in this. This definitely makes it seem like the republicans are winning about the fact that they lost the election and were just waiting for a time to pounce on Obama and the democratic majority in the House.

I also believe that my friend Sean was giving the people who were at these rallies



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entirely too much credit. He talks about how these people are tired of wasteful spending and how they are sick of what the government is doing with their tax money. I don't know about you but I would call purchasing millions of dollars in tea and dumping it in various bodies of water pretty wasteful, wouldn't you? Also, how come none of these types of rallies took place when Bush took a budget surplus and turned it into a trillion dollar

deficit within eight years on his wasteful war but there are protests to show anger at the government using tax money to try and stimulate the economy, which in turn directly helps people? These are just more reasons why this movement has "Conservative Republicans" written all over it.

The people at these rallies also said they were fighting taxes in general (TEA standing for Taxed Enough Already) but a

vast majority of people at these protests were middle class. Apparently these people didn't get the memo that President Obama is going to be cutting taxes for the middle class so their taxes will actually be less, it's the people who make more than a quarter of a million dollars per year for their salaries that will get taxed more, and not even to an outrageous extent. These people will have their tax rates be the same as when Clinton was in office, which is only a 3% tax increase. Now I know that republicans seem to hate Clinton but we did have a budget surplus when he left office so it makes sense to try and reenact some of his policies don't you think?

Anyone is allowed to show their disdain for the government and I'm not saying that these people shouldn't have been allowed to but I do think that a vast majority of them were misinformed republicans who got a taste of what it was like for democrats for the last eight years and found that it tasted a bit bitter.

The Conservative Corner

By Sean Klay

We are not even 100 days into the administration and the Presidents honeymoon is over. It came to a halt on Tax Day, April 15th, with an estimated 750,000 people attending the grassroots Tea Party protests all across America. Many people at all levels of government and in the media have completely misjudged the growing discontent that is brewing in the American electorate. The Times Union dismissed it as "conservatives who still can't accept the results of last year's election [who] hope to tap our collective overtaxed consciousness" or that it is a "manufactured movement [that] has been provided a sense of legitimacy and momentum by Fox News" in order to pull "the Republican Party out of its slump, under the guise of patriotism and hyperbolic talk of socialism and tyranny." Nothing could be further from the truth.

The President was elected on the belief that he was going to change how business was done in Washington. The sheer brilliance of the Presidents cam-

paign is that he never defined what he meant by change, only that it was going to be different from President Bush. However the only change that the American people have gotten is the same fiscally irresponsible policies started by the previous administration placed on steroids.

The people who came out on April 15th were not just disenfranchised conservatives, they were ordinary Americans, of all backgrounds and political affiliations who despite their differences all realize that the rapid acquisition of extra-constitutional federal power, irresponsible spending, and the massive accumulation of the national debt is bad for all of us. This is not just a reaction against the policies of this President, but of previous administrations as well, who have abused their positions of authority and the public trust. It just happens that at this point in our history all the ingredients have come together to create the "Perfect Storm."

The backlash is also manifesting itself in another

way, in what is becoming known as the State Sovereignty movement. The states of Arizona, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Washington, Alaska, Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Nevada, Maine, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania are all at various points of considering resolutions that reaffirm their rights and authority under the Constitution based on the 9th and 10th Amendments. The Arizona resolution states: That this Resolution serves as notice and demand to the federal government, as our agent, to cease and desist, effective immediately, mandates that are beyond the scope of these constitutionally delegated powers." The Texas resolutions states; "Many federal laws are directly in violation of the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States" and that Texans "have always had, rights the federal government may not usurp." The New Hampshire resolution (since

defeated in committee) went further, "That any Act by the Congress of the United States... which assumes a power not delegated to the government of United States of America by the Constitution for the United States of America and which serves to diminish the liberty of the any of the several States or their citizens shall constitute a nullification of the Constitution for the United States of America by the government of the United States of America."

What does this all mean? It doesn't mean a revolution in the streets, it doesn't mean a succession movement, and it doesn't mean these people are extremists. It does mean people are worried not about just today, but 10 and 20 years from now. It means people want responsible government, not an oppressive one. It means people are seeing through the farce of this federal tax cut for the middle class, especially when those cuts are negated by the tax increases that are imposed through property, sales, and gas taxes by state

and local governments, leaving the middle class worse off than it was before. It means that people want government to be of the people, by the people, for the people, not of the government, by the government, for the government. It means we want a return to sanity and respectability, not arrogance and divisiveness.

It is the obligations of our elected officials to listen to the people, not just blindly follow their political agenda. The comments by Speaker Pelosi in response to these tea parties was very telling, saying that the "tea party protests are not by any means an organic grassroots movement." That they are "a deliberate astroturf campaign organized by two well-funded right-wing think tanks intent on obstructing the Obama agenda." It is this sort of high handed dismissive arrogance that finds elected officials out of office and out of power in the next election cycle. In the mean time, fasten your seatbelts, we're in for one heck of a ride!



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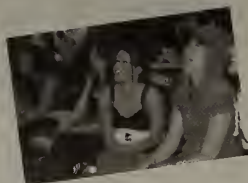
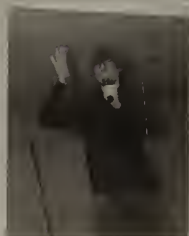


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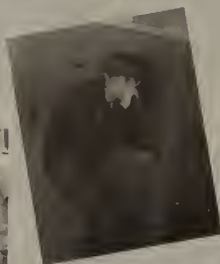
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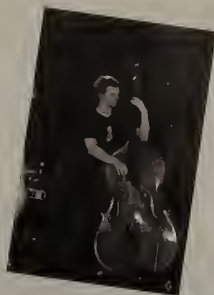
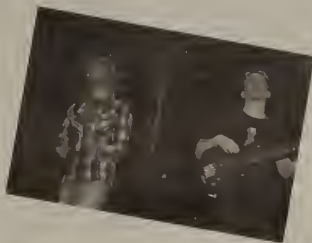
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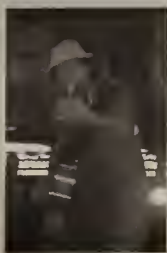
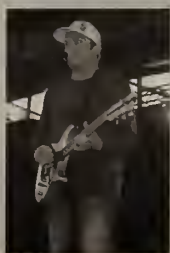
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This Week in Music History

Outkast –
Southernplayalisticadillacmuzik
April 26, 1994
15th Anniversary

This week's chosen album is the debut album of southern hip-hop duo, Outkast. Southernplayalisticadillacmuzik was recorded over the span of two years in Atlanta and has been considered to be the foundations for the rise of southern hip-hop as a major sub-genre of hip-hop music.

Southernplayalisticadillacmuzik was the first—and last—album to feature 'gangsta' style lyrics and could even be compared to early Dr. Dre (The Chronic). Most would not think of Outkast when looking for 'gangsta rap' style music, because they achieved popularity with a different sound. The album is overlooked in favor of their more popular mainstream hits like "Ms. Jackson," the second single off of the critically

acclaimed "Stankonia," released in 2000, or "Hey Ya," off the massively successful 2003 double album. "Speakerboxxx/The Love Below."

The album sounds like a bizarre concoction of a blend of a little bit of Dr. Dre, a little bit of Earth Wind & Fire, with a hint of Eddie Hazel. One key track on the album is "Ain't No Thang," which may

coincidentally remind listeners of a hit single released one year prior by Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg: "Nothin' but a G Thang." Many songs on the album have a jazz, funk, or R&B sound, making the final product a diverse collection of many various influences. My personal favorite track on the album is "Funky Ride," a slow grooving track that is strongly reminiscent of Funkadelic, as it is a slow, funky R&B song with a blis-



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tering electric guitar solo playing in the background, reminding listeners of the late great Eddie Hazel and his classic techniques on tracks like "Maggot Brain."

Where are they now?

Outkast created nothing short of a legacy for themselves after releasing Speakerboxxx/The Love Below, a 2003 double album that was actually two solo records by each member, packaged together. The

albums were so successful that together they became the best selling hip-hop album of all time.

The next Outkast album would be more of a soundtrack than a studio album, as "Idlewild" featured inspired music from a musical film of the same name, released by the two in 2006. Future plans for Outkast include two separate solo albums and an eventual follow-up to Idlewild.

Top 10 Billboard Singles

1. Black Eyed Peas - Boom Boom Pow
2. Lady GaGa - Poker Face
3. Flo Rida - Right Round
4. Soulja Boy Tell 'Em (Featuring Sammie) - Kiss Me Thru The Phone
5. Jamie Foxx (featuring T-Pain) - Blame It
6. T.I. (Featuring Justin Timberlake) - Dead and Gone
7. Kid Cudi - Dy 'N' Nite
8. Miley Cyrus - The Climb
9. The Fray - You Found Me
10. The All-American Rejects - Gives you Hell

Weekend Box Office Sales

1. 17 Again
2. State of Play
3. Hannah Montana The Movie
4. Monsters vs. Aliens
5. Fast & Furious

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O'Reilly performs at Ely

Jeff Dale
Editor-At-Large

This past Friday, April 17 comedian Rob O' Reilly made WSC students laugh until it hurt. O'Reilly, who has been featured on Jay Leno and Comedy Central's Live at Gotham performed to a packed house at Ely campus center.

O'Reilly, a Cleveland Ohio native, said his favorite comedians are Mitch Hedberg and David Cross.

"If I could model my career after any comedian it would have to be BJ Novak though," O'Reilly said.

The 24-year-old said he knew his future was in comedy when he was voted class clown in eighth grade. Then in junior year of high school he performed in a talent show.

"My teacher thought I was pretty funny, and encouraged me to enter the talent



show," O'Reilly said. "That was the first time I did my act, and I did pretty well."

The second time though, was not a success.

"It was an open mic in inner-city Cleveland. I made a joke about a kuala bear and people thought I was making fun of them."

O'Reilly, a Boston University alum, said he has

performed all over the state from BU to Bridgewater State.

The majority of O'Reilly's act last Friday centered around his sexual escapades.

"I'd say most of my jokes are about awkwardness and miscommunication. There is nothing more awkward than sex."

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EDITOR'S DESK



Only one more issue left for Jeff and I as editors of the paper. The last issue of the year will come out May 8 and it will be the first issue put out by next year's editors, Matthew Castonguay and Caitlin Penndorf. Still can't believe how fast this year went by. I remember our first issue of the fall semester: it was only 8 pages and me and Jeff completed it in only one day. It showed.

Bruins just swept the Habs and advanced to the conference semi's for the first time in 10 years. I think it may be time to jump on the bandwagon?

I saw the Dead this past Sunday, as you can tell by the article to the right of my editor's desk. It was amazing. I really wish I grew up in the 70's and 80's and was able to follow them around the country. It just isn't the same without Jerry although I love Warren Haynes.

Spring weekend seemed to be a success and I give a lot of credit to CAB and SGA for all of the hard work they put into it because it really showed and I have heard nothing but good things from the students and faculty that attended the festivities. The concert was amazing too, even though it would have been great if it had been on the green like last year.

Have a great weekend everybody and enjoy the beautiful weather!

Song of the week: Wilco - California Stars

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The Dead are alive in Worcester

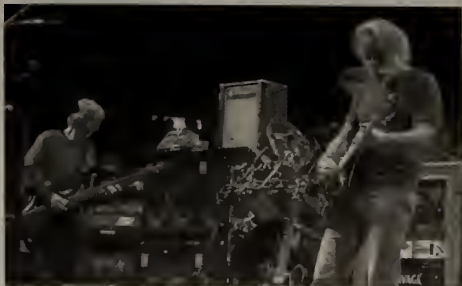


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Colby Henderson Editor-In-Chief

After a largely cold and rainy day and evening on Saturday, The Dead played a sold out show to cap off a two night stand at Worcester's DCU Center this past Sunday.

The weekend shows marked the first in which the band has played in Worcester since being banned in the 80's for their crowd being too disruptive and rowdy.

The band had a much different look since the last time they played Worcester, mainly because they have since lost lead singer and face of the band, Jerry Garcia in 1995. The band has since dropped the name "Grateful" from their title and continued touring in 2003 and 2004 as "The Dead" with Allman Brothers and Gov't Mule guitarist, Warren Haynes, on lead guitar to replace the late Jerry Garcia.

A rousing taste of 1973 to open the show, "Here Comes

Sunshine," off of the album Wake of the Flood featured some as-expected tight jams and great work by Jerry's replacement, Warren Haynes. They followed that up with a bluesy rendition of the 1967 hit, "Good Morning Little Schoolgirl," with Warren and Bob Weir trading some intricate interplay. A superb surprise came next, "Alligator," sung by bassist, Phil Lesh with terrific percussion work by drummers, Bill Kreutzmann and Mickey Hart. To keep the high energy going, they ripped into a terrific rendition of "Deal," with an excellent solo by Haynes. Next up, the classic concert staple, "Hell In A Bucket" that had the crowd enjoying the ride. That then went into an even bigger surprise than "Alligator," a hugely impressive "Cream Puff War" from their 1967 self-titled debut album. To end it all off they played another 1966 era song, "Good Lovin'" which was originally written by Rudy Clark and Arthur Resnick in 1966.

The Dead opened the second set with "Scarlet Begonias" and "Fire on the Mountain," in

which the instrumental break in was nailed to perfection by Haynes leading the way and everyone hammering away in unison. After improving on Drums> and Space>, the Dead jumped into a powerful cover of the Rolling Stone's "Satisfaction" which had the entire building singing along.

They then jumped into "Born Cross-Eyed," "Let it Grow," and "Slipknot!" which was a spectacular sequence of music. The band followed it up with the classic, "Uncle John's Band," which happened to be their first repeat of the 2009 tour. They then dipped into Jerry Garcia's solo catalog, playing a song from his first solo record entitled, "The Wheel," which had the crowd singing along to the chorus. They would end the set with "Lovelight," followed by "Samson and Delilah" as the encore.

It was a great ending to their first set of shows in Worcester in nearly twenty years. The Dead will be in the area to play the XL Center in Hartford on April 26.

Barefoot Truth rocks Spring Weekend '09

Colby Henderson Editor-In-Chief

This past Saturday, Barefoot Truth, a local band from Mystic, CT, played alongside Pete Francis, formerly of Dispatch, as part of Westfield State's spring weekend festivities.

The concert began with WSC's a cappella group, Night Owls, performing three songs: "Drops of Jupiter" by Train with a solo by Brittany Costa, "Love Story" by Taylor Swift with a solo by Rachael Balcanoff, and "You Found Me" by The Fray with a solo by Damon Warnock.

The Night Owls then gave way to Barefoot Truth and Pete Francis who played a variety of songs from both artists catalog's including the song "Carry You," which was originally written by Francis as a member of Dispatch.



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Among others, they performed

Barefoot Truth's 2008 single, "All Good Reasons," and "Burn the River," the first track on Pete Francis' 2001 solo debut album, So They Say.

During the performance, Barefoot Truth welcomed the Night Owls back onto the stage as they performed the song, "Mama's

Minstrel."

Barefoot Truth is made up of William Evans Benoit (guitar, vocals, drums), John Driscoll (guitar, vocals, bongos), Andrew Wrba (bass, guitar), Garrett Duffy (harmonica).

Westfield Splits With Salem



Mike Trachtenberg was 3 for 4 with three RBI in Westfield's 8-4 victory over Salem State.

SALEM - Salem State rallied from a one-run deficit to post a 6-5 walk-off win in the opener of its Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference (MASCAC) double-header against Westfield State College this afternoon at The Salem State College Baseball Diamond. The Owls came back to take the nightcap, 8-4.

The Owls are 17-13 overall and in fourth place in the MASCAC with a 5-7 record. They are at Mass. Maritime this Saturday for a key doubleheader that ends the conference regular season. The top four teams advance to the MASCAC postseason tournament.

SSC (14-17) overall; 4-8 MASCAC) began its comeback from behind victory in the last inning with senior Nick Dunn (Mashpee, MA) getting hit by a pitch. Freshman Chris Cocci (Wakefield, RI) sacrificed Dunn to second. Senior John McCue (Waltham, MA) then singled home Dunn to tie the game at 5-5. With one out, senior Ken Luongo (Wilmington, MA) walked. Junior Joe Galindo (Monument, CO) followed with a single to left. McCue was able to score the deciding run when the left fielder misplayed the ball.

Sophomore Jeff Borge

(Westport, MA) went the distance on the hill for the Vikings, limiting the Owls to six hits, allowing just one earned run, striking out five and issuing five walks. Galindo was the only Vikings to collect multiple hits (2). Cocci scored twice and Luongo picked up an RBI after being hit with the bases loaded on a three-run second inning.

The Owls received their hits from six different players, with Kevin Lyons collecting a pair of RBIs.

Westfield, which exploded for 10 hits off of four different pitchers in game two, was led to its 8-4 victory by Mike Trachtenberg, who went 3-for-4, scored a run and knocked in three. Matt Kelly and Pete Hogan each went 2-for-4 and collected an RBI for the Owls. Alex Xiarhos scored three times for the winners.

The Vikings managed just a combined four hits off starter Jesse Verneersch and reliever Dave Glass. Salem's big hit came off the bat of Luongo who blasted his sixth round-tripper of the season, a three-run blast in the sixth to shave the WSC lead to 7-4. The Vikings also received singles from McCue, sophomore Troy Ingine (Malden, MA) and senior Ben Garlington (Rochester, MA)

Westfield State College To Dedicate "Jerry Gravel Track" April 25

The "Jerry Gravel Track" will be dedicated Saturday, April 25, in conjunction with the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) and New England Alliance track and field championships which will be hosted by Westfield State.

The dedication program will begin at 11:00 a.m. at the main entrance to Alumni Field. Alumni, faculty, staff and friends of Westfield State College are encouraged to attend. If you have questions about the dedication ceremony please contact Dave Caspole, Senior Development Coordinator for Athletics at 413-572-8198, or at dcaspole@wsc.ma.edu.

The Westfield State College board of Trustees voted to name the college's track after longtime track and field coach and professor, Jerry Gravel at the board's meeting earlier this year.

The trustees approved the motion presented by Dr. Carol Persson, vice-president of enrollment management, who served as a professor alongside Gravel in the department of movement science for many years. Persson spoke of her experience working with Gravel, and read excerpts from the many e-mails that had been sent by alumni and friends in support of the naming.

"I'm humbled by the experience," said Gravel by telephone from his home in OceanSide, Calif. "It's a great honor. It's great recognition for the dedication of our track and field athletes over the last 40 years - it's not just an honor for me - it's an honor to all of them as well."

Several alumni also attended the meeting, along with Gravel's brother, Jim, and son, Mark. Jim Gravel had initially approached Westfield State College President Dr. Evan Dobelle about the possibility of naming the track after his brother at a reception the college sponsored on Cape Cod last summer.

After the board approved the motion, the room burst into a round of applause.

"I felt proud for Jerry, the cross country and track and field programs, and the college," said Kevin Dalton '77, an attorney from Manchester, Mass., who attended the trustee meeting.

"It couldn't happen to a better guy than Jerry Gravel. It reminded me how fortunate we were as students to attend Westfield State, and how the college and Jerry helped to shape our lives after graduation.

"We went in as boys, and graduated as men," said Dalton, who still holds the school record in the steeple-

chase.

Gravel, who was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2004, served as track coach at Westfield State from 1969 until 1997. Gravel started the track and field program at Westfield State and built it into a regional power, winning two New England Championships, and 20 of 26 Massachusetts State College Athletic Conference titles.

Gravel coached 33 All-Americans and 142 athletes who qualified for the NCAA Championships in their events.

"Our student-athletes sacrificed a lot through the years to be successful," said Gravel. "We used to run in one of the steam tunnels to practice in the winter. We won our first title before we even had a track. In 1974, the college owned five hurdles and four sets of starting blocks and we were able to win. There were many unique contributions from all our athletes."

The track that will be named in Gravel's honor is a far cry from the humble beginnings of the program. The Alumni Field complex was renovated in 2006, and is one of the top facilities for collegiate track and field in New England. The eight-lane synthetic-surfaced facility was honored as one of the best in the nation by the American Sports Builders Association. It features four jumping pits, two shot put throwing areas, and two throwing areas for the discus and hammer throw.

A native of Attleboro, Mass., Jerry himself was a standout athlete, and competed as a member of the track team at UMass-Amherst, receiving his bachelor's degree in 1960. He earned a master's degree at Kent State University in 1961.

In addition to coaching, Gravel was an associate professor in the movement science department at Westfield State, teaching biomechanics, health related fitness, strength training and other classes.

"Jerry was like a father to many of us for four years," said Jim McGilloway '78, now Actuarial Services Manager for Safety Insurance. "He took us under his wing, and taught us a lot both inside and outside the classroom. Jerry has been a real good friend, and dedicated to Westfield State track all his life."



Jerry Gravel

Since retiring from Westfield State, Gravel, 71, has resided in the San Diego area, and teaches at MiraCosta Community College. He has remained active with the Westfield State College community, serving as an advisor to the cross country and track and field programs, and has been a key organizer in implementing the Dan Doyle Scholarship and the James Earley Open Cross Country race to support those scholarships named for two of his former athletes.

"The last 17 years, we've been getting together for the Doyle tournament," said McGilloway. "It's coach Gravel that draws us all together. We go back, and listen to his terrible jokes that we've heard before, but he still makes us laugh. He just has the ability to attract people, and together we've raised more than \$100,000 to support the Doyle scholarship."

"It's wonderful that (Coach Gravel) has helped keep the spirit of my brother alive," said Kate (Doyle) Rowe '82. "When I went to college I tagged along with my brother and his friends and Jerry always has had a very deep relationship with the people he coached. He continues to live life as he professed."

Gravel has also supported the Owl Club at Westfield State with efforts to raise funds, most recently to purchase the Trackmaster equipment to help run meets at the college.

In honor of the track naming, a group of alumni and friends are leading a fundraising effort to support the Westfield State track and field program in Jerry Gravel's honor, with a goal of \$100,000 to support the program and continue the tradition of excellence begun by coach Gravel.

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Owls celebrate Senior Day with big victory

WESTFIELD - Sophomore Laura Chiricosta (Lexington) had five goals and two assists and sophomore Rachel Dionne (Feeding Hills) tallied four goals and two assists to lead Westfield State to an 18-11 lacrosse victory over Framingham State on Tuesday evening, April 21.

Westfield improves to 11-4 with one regular season game remaining this Saturday at Castleton State. Framingham is 5-8.

A strong first-half effort powered the Owls, who led 5-1 after eight minutes and 13-5 at halftime. Westfield took its biggest lead, 16-5, with 25:58 remaining in the game.

Also playing well for the Owls were seniors Kasey Rogers (West Springfield) and



Westfield State seniors Kaitlin Welsh, Rachel Costa and Kasey Rogers were all smiles during the lacrosse team's Senior Day. photo & article courtesy of westfieldstateowls.com

Rachel Costa (Reading), who were playing in their final home games along with classmate Kaitlin Welsh (Wilbraham). Costa and Rogers both contributed three goals and two

assists.

Freshman goalie Kailey Burns (Wilbraham) also played well for the Owls; she recorded a season-high 15 saves.

Ashley Noonan

Westfield blanks Nichols, 10-0

Softball improves to 21-12 heading into postseason

WESTFIELD - Senior Lindsay Jordin (Assonet) was 3-for-3 with two RBI and junior Danielle Lutenegeger (Sunderland) smacked a three-run double to lead Westfield State to a 10-0, five-inning victory over Nichols College in non-conference softball action on Wednesday, April 22.

The second game of the scheduled doubleheader was cancelled because of rain and muddy field conditions. Westfield, 21-12, is idle until Thursday, April 30, when it hosts an opening round game in the Mass. State Conference postseason tournament. Nichols drops to 13-22.

Westfield scored seven runs in the first inning on six hits and two Bison errors. Jordin had two hits in the inning, including a

two-run single. Lutenegeger delivered the big blow with her two-out three-run double.

The Owls out-hit the Bison, 10-3. Sophomore second baseman Kristyn Carroll (Brockton) was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI. Junior catcher Gia Calabrese (West Springfield) was 1-for-3 with two RBI. Also pounding doubles were senior center fielder Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass.) and sophomore designated player Alicia Gardner (Athol).

Designated hitter Lindsay Hassett (Oxford) was 2-for-2 for the Bison.

Winning pitcher Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth) struck out 10 and walked one in the five-inning game.

Westfield sweeps Salem State; earns at least share of MASCAC title

SALEM - The Westfield State College softball team received stellar pitching performances from senior Chelsea Sylvia and freshman Madeline Tomich to sweep Salem State, 8-0 and 1-0, on Monday, April 20.

Sylvia fired a seven-inning no-hitter with 15 strikeouts in the Owls' 8-0 opening-game victory. Sylvia nearly pitched a perfect game as she walked the leadoff batter to start the game then retired 21 straight.

Tomich threw a one-hitter with nine Ks in the nightcap. Westfield scored in the second inning on a sacrifice fly by Danielle Lutenegeger.

With the twin-bill sweep Westfield (20-12 overall) clinches at least a share of the Mass. State Conference championship with a 10-2 record. Bridgewater State owns an 8-2 record with two MASCAC games remaining, a home doubleheader vs.

Worcester State on Saturday. Bridgewater won two games at MCLA today by scores of 10-1 and 10-0. The

Bears were trailing 1-0 in the sixth inning of the opener.

This marks Westfield's first conference crown since 1985 and fourth overall. The Owls also won or shared conference titles in 1979 and 1982.

Sylvia produced a masterpiece, striking out 15 and walking just one batter en route to spinning the no-hitter. The only Salem batter to reach base was sophomore lead-off hitter Taylor Orlando (Danvers, MA), who worked Sylvia for a walk to begin the bottom of the first. From that point on Sylvia was magnificent. She struck out the side in the second, third and fifth innings, and also recorded a pair of punch outs in the sixth and seventh frames. Sylvia registered at least one K in each inning.

Offensively in game one, the Owls banged out nine hits as sophomore Krystal Carroll (Brockton, MA) led the way with two doubles, three RBI and a run scored. Owl lead-off hitter senior Jackie Mason (Florida, MA) had a pair of sin-

gles, an RBI and scored once. Junior Kim Brennan (Douglas, MA) stroked a third inning two-run single for the winners. SSC freshman Katelynn Panning (East Boston, MA) picked up the loss, going seven innings, giving up nine hits, allowing eight runs (five earned), walking three and fanning four.

Game two featured an old fashioned pitcher's duel between SSC senior Katelynn Doherty (Lynnfield, MA) and WSC's Tomich. The game's lone run came in the top of the second when Carroll led off with a walk, advanced to second on a passed ball, continued to third on an infield groundout and scored on a sacrifice fly to left by junior Danielle Lutenegeger (Sunderland, MA).

The Owls appeared to be on their way to no-hitting the Lady Vikings for the day, but SSC freshman Michelle Grifoni (Peabody, MA) would erase that possibility with two-outs in the sixth when she lined a hard base hit into left. Tomich would go on



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to post the one-hitter which included nine strikeouts and three walks. Doherty was solid in defeat, allowing four singles,

striking out a pair and walking three.

Owls Place 4th At Springfield Invite

SPRINGFIELD - The Westfield State College women's outdoor track and field team finished fourth in the 12-team Springfield College Invitational on Saturday, April 18.

Placing first for the Owls were Jill Monahan in the discus and Caitlin Handcock in the high jump. Handcock's winning jump of 5-5 qualifies her provisionally for the NCAA national championships.

Kerry Arouca was third in the 1500 meter run with an outstanding time of 4:47.69; her best time entering the meet was 5:04.21.

Karen Dowe performed well in the highly competitive meet with fourth-place finishes in the long jump and triple jump; she surpassed 16 and 36 feet, respectively, in the events. Jenn Simao was third in the javelin throw and Amanda Gricus was fourth in the hammer throw.

TEAM STANDINGS: MIT 178.50, Springfield 163, Wheaton 117, Westfield State 75, New Haven 71, Eastern Connecticut 35.50, Babson 31, Keene State 28, College of St. Rose 28, Colby-Sawyer 8, Fairfield 7, and Wellesley 5.



Caitlin Handcock was named the MASCAC field athlete of the week. Go to www.mascac.com

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New England Alliance Championships
On Alumni Field
This SATURDAY!!!
Starting at 11 p.m.



Let the Maypril Madness begin

Jeff Dale
Editor-At-Large

Eighty-two games are in the books and now begins a new season — the NBA playoffs. A two-month odyssey to decide the league's champion.

The favorite going in is, without a doubt, the Cleveland Cavaliers (66-16), who came one game short of tying the '86 Celtics home record of 40-1. Granted, 39-2 isn't too shabby, and LeBron James did not play in the season finale — an overtime loss to the 76ers.

If James wants to really earn the title of MVP, he needs to win a title. The first-round won't be a cakewalk for the 24-year-old face of basketball, as the Cavs will square off against the Detroit Pistons. A rivalry with plenty of bad blood.

"It's not that personal with Detroit," said James in the Cleveland Plain Dealer. "We never really had any big confrontations with Detroit. It's a good rivalry with them. We like playing against them. We take the challenge, and they do, too."

While James is dodging questions, Rasheed Wallace is playing the nobody-believes-in-us card.

"It's going to be a good challenge," Wallace said in the Detroit News. "They've got a pretty good record, a pretty good home record, and I know they are feeling themselves right now. So I guess it's going to be like David vs. Goliath."

This series could go two ways. Both have Cleveland moving on.

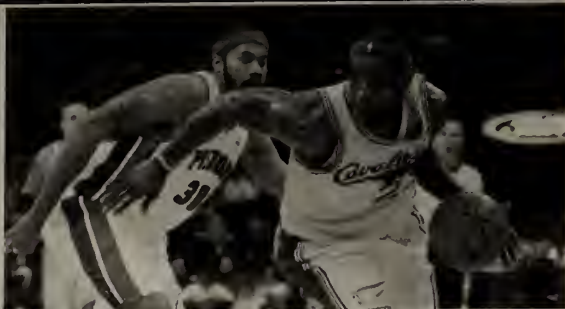
In scenario one, Detroit shows up for a game or two and plays hard, but once a few calls don't go their way they go into 'Sheed mode and start complaining and whining. Eventually, this leads to a Cavs sweep.

In scenario two, the Pistons play Piston basketball, which has been like sighting a UFO. They still know how to play a hard, physical style that got them to the Eastern Conference finals last year. They still have Wallace, Rip Hamilton and Rodney Stuckey, who was huge in last year's playoffs. If the Pistons play physical — knock LeBron James to the floor instead of letting him fly end-to-end throwing tomahawks — they could make it interesting. They won't win the series, but they could dampen the Cavs' chances to win the Chip.

The biggest factor in all of this is if the Cavs get beat up in the first round. How will they respond?

Last season, the Celtics were the favorites going into the playoffs, and they struggled early. Whether it was getting a feel for the playoffs or living up to expectations no one will ever know. But they fought through adversity, media pressure and won their 17th banner.

What will it take for the Cavs to win their first? Can this MVP at his apex do it all by himself? We shall certainly see.



The Cavs are looking for their first NBA Title in franchise history. Photo courtesy of NBA.com

Lowrie to DL with wrist surgery

Teresa Dollfuss
Sports Reporter

After trying to avoid surgery, Red Sox shortstop Jed Lowrie went under the knife on Tuesday in Arizona.

Lowrie's wrist injury began last May, when he suffered a non-displaced fracture, but played the rest of the season with it. He received treatment and strengthened it over the off-season, but unfortunately it remained a problem.

His wrist pain came back during spring training, and after a 1 for 18 start for the 2009 season, Lowrie was shut down. He saw multiple doctors in Boston, and even saw a hand specialist in Baltimore before

going to Arizona and deciding on the surgery.

If Lowrie's recovery goes okay, he should be playing again in about six to eight weeks. This schedules his return to be sometime in June or July, possibly by the All-Star Break, depending on what happens.

With Lowrie going down for the next six to eight weeks, it looks like Nick Green will become the regular starting shortstop, at least until Julio Lugo returns. Lugo is currently doing a rehab assignment in Pawtucket, after which the Red Sox will evaluate his condition.

A good thing that has come out of this for the Red Sox is that Nick Green hasn't been doing too shabby as a replacement. He's made some good plays in the field and has a few

good hits at the plate. He'll have to do while Lugo and Lowrie heal.

The injury current still hits Boston, as Rocco Baldelli landed on the 15-day DL on Tuesday as well. Baldelli injured his left hamstring during Monday night's game. With Baldelli's injury, Jeff Bailey was called up from Triple-A Pawtucket to fill his spot.

Injuries have seemed to plague the Red Sox at the beginning of the 2009 season. Lowrie's wrist surgery and Baldelli's hamstring are just two more to add to the list.

If all goes well Lowrie will be back in action by the All-Star Break, and Baldelli will be back in the field soon enough.

For now it's a game of wait and see.

NBA Playoff Predictions



Colby Henderson

East Finals:
Boston Celtics vs.
Cleveland Cavaliers

West Finals:
San Antonio Spurs vs. Los Angeles Lakers

NBA Finals:
Boston Celtics vs. Los Angeles Lakers
Winner:

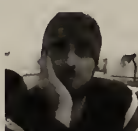


Jeff Dale

East Finals:
Boston Celtics vs.
Cleveland Cavaliers

West Finals:
Los Angeles Lakers vs. Houston Rockets

NBA Finals:
Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Los Angeles Lakers
Winner:



Matthew Castonguay

East Finals:
Cleveland Cavaliers vs.
Orlando Magic

West Finals:
Los Angeles Lakers vs. Dallas Mavericks

NBA Finals:
Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Los Angeles Lakers
Winner:



Pat Dayton

East Finals:
Cleveland Cavaliers vs.
Orlando Magic

West Finals:
Los Angeles Lakers vs. Dallas Mavericks

NBA Finals:
Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Los Angeles Lakers
Winner:



Nick Cosky

East Finals:
Boston Celtics vs.
Cleveland Cavaliers

West Finals:
Los Angeles Lakers vs. Denver Nuggets

NBA Finals:
Cleveland Cavaliers vs. Los Angeles Lakers
Winner:



Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

You can accomplish the most if you travel for business purposes. A change of attitude has probably disrupted your home environment. Look after financial transactions this week. Don't take your frustrations out on loved ones. Instead, try to find a creative outlet.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

Your outgoing charm and obvious talent will be admired. Your compassion will be appreciated more than you can imagine. Secret enemies may be holding a grudge that you're not even aware of. You will have excellent ideas for changing or renovating your home.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

Don't let relatives stand in the way of your personal plans. Look into alternate means of supporting your financial burdens. Your temper could be short if someone criticizes your efforts. Secret information will be eye opening, so make sure to listen closely to what others are telling you.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

Travel will lead you in new directions. Be spontaneous. Face any emotional problems head-on to avoid situations getting out of hand. You may need a physical outlet that will help you relieve your tension. Put your efforts into being creative.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

Don't let the erratic behavior of someone you live with interfere with your professional performance. Opportunities for travel must be carefully considered. Your energy will be high. There could be disappointment regarding investments.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

Take time to catch up on gossip and make plans to take a little adventure. You will be able to get along well with colleagues. You may have ignored or neglected your mate lately. Take time to do some writing, whether it's correspondence, poetry, or keeping a journal.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

You need to refrain from being the generous one in the group. You should teach others some of your unique creative talents. You should also visit a friend or relative who hasn't been feeling up to par. Emotional disputes will only end in sorrow, so try to stop and listen when someone is upset.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

You should visit a friend or relative who hasn't been well. Pleasure trips will be most enjoyable and should lead to new and lasting friendships. Channel your energy into decorating or household chores. You may be sensitive concerning friends and their situations.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

You should make sure to spend time with family and friends this week. Pamper yourself this week. You can get your point across if you don't beat around the bush. Empty promises will cause confusion.

Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

Everything is moving quickly, just the way you like it. Do not borrow or lend money or belongings to friends or relatives if you wish to avoid any hassles. Either way, you're up for a passionate encounter with someone special.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

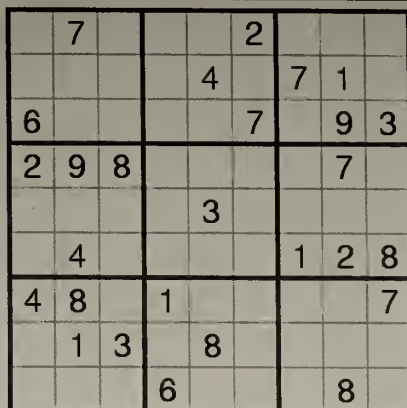
Your emotional life may be up in the air if your mate has been going through a change of heart. Put financial speculation with family members or friends on the back burner for now. You will feel tired and rundown if you have allowed yourself to get into a financial mess. You can make money through your creative efforts.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

Having your own business is a good idea. Visit friends you don't get to see that often. Do not reveal personal information to those you feel may be untrustworthy. You are able to make changes in your home that will be favorable to all involved.

*courtesy of astrology-online.com



Daily SuDoku: Tue 21-Apr-2009

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*Courtesy of www.puzzle.com

Katrina Powell, The College Chef

Mexican Lime Fajitas On the grill*

makes 2-4 fajitas

1 package steak tips
Peppercorn seasoning
Garlic powder
1 lime, halved

2 tablespoons ground ginger
2-4 tablespoons hot chili oil
(depending on taste)

2 cups shredded cheese (any kind
will do)

Place the steaktips in a large bowl.

Season the steak with lots of pep-

percorn, garlic, and the ginger.

Next, add in the hot chili oil, and squeeze in the lime. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 2 hours (or longer if you want the meat spicier). On the grill, cook the steak for 6-7 minutes per side. Meanwhile, warm the tortillas on either the grill or in the microwave. Sprinkle a small handful of cheese into each tortilla, adding the steak when cooked. Allow the cheese to melt. Fold in half and enjoy with refried beans, sour cream, or guacamole.








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Sun 4/26	High 84 Low 55 	Partly Cloudy 0% Chance of Prec.
Mon 4/27	High 70 Low 49 	Few Showers 30% Chance of Prec.
Tue 4/28	High 68 Low 48 	Partly Cloudy 10% Chance of Prec.
Wed 4/29	High 65 Low 44 	Showers 60% Chance of Prec.
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Pandini's

Monday-Sunday 8:00a.m.-12:00a.m.

The Perch

Friday & Saturday 8:00p.m.-2:00a.m.

Garden Cafe

Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

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State response to Swine pandemic

BOSTON – State health officials continue to work closely with partners at the federal, state and local level to respond to the swine flu outbreak in the U.S. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has declared the outbreak of swine flu a public health emergency.

As part of that declaration, federal officials have begun shipment of significant quantities of materials to help states prepare and respond to the spread of swine flu. These materials include antiviral medications for treatment of individuals who are sick, along with other medical equipment and supplies that may be needed if the current situation changes. Massachusetts will begin receiving initial quantities of these materials in the coming days.

"This is understandably a concerning time for Massachusetts residents who

have heard so much about swine flu over the past couple of days," said DPH Commissioner John Auerbach. "However, I want to assure everyone that our team is working overtime on this matter and I am confident that we are taking all necessary precautions to protect the people of the Commonwealth."

DPH officials continue to take steps to increase surveillance of influenza-like illness in Massachusetts, asking health care providers and hospital emergency departments to be on the lookout for flu-like symptoms – especially in people who have recently traveled to Mexico or any of the U.S. states which have confirmed cases. If a provider suspects a patient may be infected with swine flu, DPH requests that they perform and submit a swab test for laboratory testing.

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Westfield State College is in full blossom



MASSPIRG hosts solar concert

Kristin Sherwood
Voice Reporter

Last Friday in the abundant sunshine, Westfield State College held its first solar powered concert on the campus green. Students waited to receive their 100 percent recycled water bottles, free food, and decorate glass pots for bamboo. This event was planned since the summer, Heather Bulis of MASSPIRG said.

Bulis explained that MASSPIRG had set up tables at the concert to raise awareness about water usage, the detrimental effects of mountain top removal, and to increase recycling.

"We've been in a climate crisis for awhile," Bulis stated and explained that MASSPIRG was educating students about climate change and asking for pledges to use less water and materials because even the smallest use can affect the environment.

MASSPIRG set up these educational tables next to a truck with solar panels on the roof that powered the concert. This concert featured the bands Elephant House, Miss Fairchild, and Afro DZ ak. Pete Shungu, who is

known as Afro DZ ak, shared some information about himself and his music in an interview.

The band is composed of members from all different places and features Shungu on the trumpet and vocals and a variety of different instruments. Shungu emphasized the importance of his multiracial background and diversity which can be seen in the inspirational lyrics of his music, many of which deal with social and global issues.

Among his inspirations are Miles Davis and President Obama, who also comes from a multiracial background. Shungu hopes to appeal to the youth, and said, "If we are going to make things better, we have to start with the young people." Shungu's lyrics support people making a difference in the world and he encouraged students to get involved just as he has. For more information about Afro DZ ak's music, visit www.afrodzak.com.

While Afro DZ ak's music explores jazz, hip-hop, and rap, the next band Miss Fairchild played mostly pop and popfunk songs. Miss Fairchild's vocalist Daddy Wral explained that the band is from Nantucket Island and that it has been around for five years traveling around the U.S. and Canada. Their song "Vanilla Place" was even featured

on The Real World: Hollywood on MTV. They were promoting their album "Oooh la la sha sha" and their new record "Won't Be Your Kept Woman."

When asked about why they wanted to play for the SolarFest, Wral responded that "the cause is dear to us."

Visit Miss Fairchild's website at <http://www.myspace.com/miss-fairchild> for more information.

The last band that played, Elephant House, is a band based out of Boston that experiments with rock, hip-hop, funk, and jazz. The band plays different genres of music that draws audiences that like different kinds of music. Their music is available at iTunes and for more information, visit <http://www.myspace.com/elephanthouse1>.

At the end of the Elephant House concert at SolarFest, WSC students danced in front of the stage as Elephant House entertained them.

As the solar panels soaked up energy from the sun, the three bands entertained the students and the SolarFest was successful in raising awareness and educating students about how they can personally contribute to efforts to stop the global climate change crisis.

'Women of color' perform play at WSC

Westfield State College students will star in a production of For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuff at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, through Friday, May 1, in the Black Box Theater on the second floor of Ely Campus Center.

Admission is free, but the cast and crew will accept donations for the Parenting Teen Program of Springfield. The production is sponsored by the Ely Campus Center.

The play is a collection of 20 poems, referred to as a choreopoem, by Ntozake Shange. The poems deal with issues such as love, abandonment, rape, and abortion, from a perspective of courage.

Jessika Murphy, assistant director of student activities, is the play's producer.

Ron'na J. Lytle of the Ely Library staff is director.

"This is a monumental play featuring women of color speaking about their life experiences," Murphy said. "The production offers an opportunity for not only Westfield State students, but the surrounding community to experience this powerful theatrical work."

Written in 1975, this Obie Award-winning play gives voice to disenfranchised women. It has been produced on Broadway and many other venues. A heavily edited version was made into a movie.

To reserve a ticket, contact Ron'na Lytle at rytle@wsc.ma.edu or Jessika Murphy at jmurphy@wsc.ma.edu. For more information, visit www.wsc.ma.edu.

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The Grill summer hours:

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Subway and Jazzman's will be open graduation day May 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

WSC business student paves the way for his future

Marc Bedine
Voice Reporter

Westfield. After taking several business classes at Bishop Stang High School in North Dartmouth, Ma, Brendan Dumey knew that he wanted to be a business major.

Although he knew what he wanted to major in when he arrived at Westfield State College, he was unclear of his plans for after graduation. "My only plan for after school was to find a job, hopefully in the corporate world," said the 5'11" Dumey in his booming voice.

Dumey has stayed on the path of a business student for the last four years, and his expected graduation date in May 2009. However, in September 2009 Dumey will still be living in Westfield and working at a non-paid internship at Springfield's Mass Mutual Financial Group.

As the unemployment rates reach up to 10 percent in some states, students in the class of 2009 and beyond have to make decisions now to improve their future job prospects. One of their options is an internship, paid or unpaid, which can start them on the path to their careers. Dumey is one of these students.

Maureen McCartney, the director for the Office of Career Services, like Dumey, understands the numerous benefits of an internship. "I wish an internship or two were required of all undergraduates."

McCartney said that internships can help to bridge the gap between college and work

especially during this poor job market. "There is no question the employment landscape will be challenging this year and perhaps beyond."

"I have met with students who are thinking of staying an extra semester because the job market is so tough. For some this makes sense, but often working toward an advance degree will make better use of your time and resources," McCartney said.

McCartney also said that "we have had parents calling concerned about health insurance coverage ending with graduation and asking if the student can stay on another semester or year. That is a relatively new phenomenon."

Although internships can be set up through the school, Dumey's decision for an internship was his own.

"I contacted a close family friend who is helping me through the process right now," he said. "My parents had always stressed the importance of an internship for experience, networking, and resume building, so I figured this would be the perfect time to do one."

After telling his advisor of his plans, Dumey was notified that he could also get credit for the internship through Westfield State College. "Even though I am eligible to participate in graduation this May, I still need five credits, so the internship will cover that easily."

Dumey is not going into his internship blindly. He is confident in his abilities, and he has already set goals for himself.

"The main thing I need to do is improve my business

skills. I need to become acclimated to the corporate environment, which will prepare me for the future," he said.

With those goals in mind, Dumey also knows the most important thing that he needs to do. "It's all about who you know, so I hope to meet as many people as I can who will help me in future endeavors," he said.

Colleges such as Bentley and Bryant are known for their strong business programs, but Dumey feels that Westfield State College can offer the same services. He said he appreciates all of the help that his advisor and the business department have given him and does not feel like they have led him in the wrong direction.

However, he said he is disappointed about the lack of a transition plan for business students. "I have friends who go to great business schools, Bentley, Suffolk, Bryant etc. and they are practically guaranteed a career when they graduate because the school is so proactive in getting those internships and jobs," said Dumey.

There are services on campus available for students seeking help with transitions after college. The Career Center has set up a "Career & Graduate School Fair," according to McCartney. The event will take place on April 29th from 1:30-4:00 p.m.

The unsteady job market has not directly affected Dumey yet, as he has not applied for any full-time paid positions. However, he has still taken note



of what is going on in the business world.

"It has definitely led me to feel more comfortable about staying longer at WSC and doing the internship," he said. "Rather than doing nothing for my career, I will be gaining experience and bolstering my chances of finding a career once I am finished."

Dumey is also aware that Mass Mutual has recently been laying off employees. Dumey said he looks on the bright side of the situation. "I know that the company had been in the news as one of the few financial companies to continue to perform well even during the economic downturn," he said.

Dumey is well aware of the positive affects an internship can have on his future in the business world. He said he is underwhelmed by the fact it is unpaid.

"I'm not worried about the internship setting me back financially. I'm more focused on the benefits and getting graduation credits."

Westfield State doubles representation at state research conference

Craig Phelon
Special Contributor

Westfield State College will send 44 students to present their projects at the Massachusetts Statewide Undergraduate Research Conference on Friday, May 1, at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

"The number of students is more than double what we sent last year," said Ricki Kantowitz, professor of psy-

chology and chair of the college's Honors Program. "The students, from freshmen to seniors, will give oral and poster presentations, individually or in groups, on a wide variety of topics."

Increased study-abroad opportunities initiated by Westfield State College President Evan S. Dobelle allowed more students to work on interesting projects in foreign countries. Research was conducted on such locations as the Virgin Islands, Mexico and Belize.

A preview of some projects to be presented at UMass is offered at from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 30, in Wilson Hall, Room 404. Senior Honors Presentations will be on display.

Projects include "Transitioning into College: Relationships among Risky Behaviors, Self-Esteem, and Adjustment to the College."

Transition," a psychology project by Cairsten Beauland; "Illustrating 'The Little Mermaid,'" an art project by Kellie Veiga; "Examination of Extended Time Accommodation in Standardized Testing," a psychology project by Katrina Crotts; and "Understanding Juvenile Fire Setting:

Assessment, Treatment, and an Application of Behavioral Skills Training," a psychology and criminal justice project by Samantha Fiorentino.

Kantowitz said 26 faculty members also are scheduled to attend research conference to support their students.

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Dreaming of alternative energy

Student of the Week

Cory Andros
Voice Reporter

Following my decision to stray from the topic of alternative fuels for vehicles (at least for the time being), I realized that I had absolutely no clue what I would write about this week. I didn't think much of it at first, but after a few days went by and I still had nothing solid formulating in that brain of mine, I started to worry a bit – I even considered continuing with the vehicle theme.

However, not long after the stressing thoughts began to swirl in and around my head, a friend of mine told me something he had seen on TV that he, and soon I myself, found interesting. Apparently actor Larry Hagman is quite the environmentalist.

Hagman, 78, (you may know him from I Dream Of Jeannie) has been promoting several environment-focused projects in the last few years, including Refunds For Good, a campaign that turns telephone tax refunds into funds for various environmental causes, and Solar Electric Light Fund (SELF),

which helps developing countries apply solar energy as an everyday use. But that isn't even the most interesting thing about Larry's involvement with the environment. He not only promotes it – he lives it. His home in California includes the largest residential solar power system in the U.S., so large that it could provide power to about twelve households.

Yes, the 102.7 KW (kilo-watt) solar array on his 46-acre property produces a whopping 150,000 KW a year – impressive indeed. A few years back Hagman realized that electricity was costing him nearly \$37,000 a year (imagine those monthly bills!) and, surprisingly, it rubbed him the wrong way. Since the solar energy was put into effect his yearly bill has dropped to a fairly reasonable...\$13! I'll spell it out this time – thirteen dollars! On top of that Larry and his wife, Maj, drive a Toyota Prius hybrid and an electric Dodge Gem, proving again that this is not some gimmick. They're greener than Gummy.

Thirteen dollars. I believe most of us wouldn't



Larry Hagman posing in front of his solar powered home photo courtesy of Reuters

mind paying that, but, unfortunately, not all of us have the kind of cash that Mr. Hagman has. Still, it is kind of cool to see what the people that are incredibly wealthy are doing to help the cause, because they should be. But I'll be honest; I'm a little surprised that Larry is "that guy." Sometimes I think that the environment stuff is just for us younger generations and that everyone over the age of sixty is old-fashioned and therefore not in favor of alternative energy (an ignorant assumption on my part).

I guess tossing all the senior citizens on their own island somewhere may not be warranted after all (you know every time you get stuck behind one when you're driving you think the same thing). So a big thanks to the Hagman's for doing their part.

Maybe I found my new topic for the fall semester – celebrity environmentalists. I hear Ed Norton is involved in some projects....

Law Day panel on U.S. Constitution offered at WSC

In observance of Law Day on Friday, May 1, Westfield State College will be host to a panel discussion on "The Strength of the U.S. Constitution" from 10 a.m. to noon in the Garden Level Conference Room at 333 Western Ave. The event is free and open to the public.

Speakers will include Peter Velis, associate justice of

the Superior Court; Brian Lees, clerk of courts for Springfield/Hampden County; Capt. Michael McCabe of the Westfield Police Department; Trooper Ron Gibbons of the Massachusetts State Police and Steven Spelman, assistant district attorney.

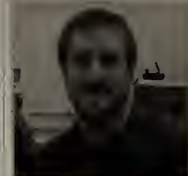
Swine Flu Continued

Even though no cases have been identified in Massachusetts, there are steps that everyone can take to prevent getting or spreading any type of influenza: wash your hands often with soap and water or with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer; cough or sneeze into a tissue or into your elbow instead of into your hands; and if you're sick, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to avoid infecting them.

Swine influenza is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by type A influenza viruses. Outbreaks of swine flu happen regularly in pigs. People do not normally get swine flu, but

human infections can and do happen. Most commonly, human cases of swine flu happen in people who are around pigs but it's possible for swine flu viruses to spread from person to person as well. Swine flu is not transmitted by food and you cannot get swine flu by eating pork products.

For general information on swine flu and the status of the nationwide outbreak, visit www.cdc.gov/swineflu. For more information on the Massachusetts response, and how to care for someone at home who has the flu.



Stats: Brendan Crewe, 21, senior from Arlington, Mass

Major: Communications with a media arts focus

What do you want to do when you graduate? Have a job that isn't a waiter.

If you could have one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? Burritos.

What was the movie you saw in theaters? "Slumdog Millionaire"

What super power would you like to have? Manipulation of the wind. I feel like I could do anything with that power.

What was your first CD? I think it was like Sugar Ray, "14:59." I really hope I was like really young when I got that.

If you could meet one celebrity, dead or alive, who would it be? Jim Morrison

What has been your favorite memory from your four years at WSC? Studying abroad in Limerick, Ireland.

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Working at The Westfield Voice was one of the most, if not the most, rewarding experiences I've had as a student at Westfield State College.

Learning Quark, improving my headline writing skills, and bettering my knowledge of AP Style are some of the more obvious reasons for this. But I'm not using my last editor's desk to talk about that stuff.

Jeff and Colby- I thought I had already found and befriended all of the cool, smart and dashing handsome men on campus, and then I met you guys which reaffirmed my last statement. Just kidding! I love you guys. We got so close so quickly... maybe a little too close.

Either way, I'm so happy that we became friends (even if it was a bit late in our college careers) and I really will cherish the time we spent together in this tiny-ass office.

Cait Penndorf, thank you for your unfailing reliability and desire to learn. I knew I liked you when you took over the horoscopes for me! You'll do a great job next year, I have full faith in you. Deb Silverman, thank you for your take-no-sh*t attitude and ambition. You have a really creative eye and you remind me of myself (not just because of the Jewish thing).

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OK, I love you all and will miss you all, and will hopefully be employing you all at Buntology in a few years.

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EDITOR'S DESK



So this is it. Our last issue.

I want to first off thank our writers and staff: Angela, Colby, Matt, Cait, Deb, Pat, Franny, Lynn, Heithy, Hugh, Molly, Kristin, Mary, Sean, Lauren, Theresa, Craig, Cory, The Movie Guy, Andrew and everyone else.

You all helped in covering one of the more news worth years in recent history. We covered the election, the economy, climate change, alternate fuels, pickets, school vandalism, concerts and yes, even sex.

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MCES hosts Capstone Seminar

Ginger Vannostrand
Voice Columnist

The Multicultural Ethnic Studies students are speaking. Are you listening? The WSC Minors in MCES join together to sow the seeds of change at the fifth annual Capstone Seminar to be held on May 6 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Garden level conference area. These students have worked hard to develop a program that brings to light the complex problems facing WSC students, their communities and the people of the world.

Each student will share a brief overview of the materials they have developed in their quest for knowledge that will bring about conscious change in the humanitarian efforts of today. From global fronts, the students will offer education on issues of religious persecution, tourism effects on oppressed countries and workplace gender inequalities in an effort to end misconceptions and prejudice.

Kelly Bias will present on women in the workplace. Her research uncovered evidence of inequalities women experience as employees. Bias stated, "Inequality is still seen today among male and female workers. Even at WSC campus we see this happening. Yes, there are females on the maintenance crew, but look around, are there female painters, carpenters, etc.? After surveying various classes at the high school I have found that the children have strict ideas about what is a female job and what is NOT. How can we prevent this? What is being done for women's equality? We will see!"

Educational agendas are explored for the invisible policies that create unbalanced learning in schools. Blackboards across the country are filled with facts that focus on the history of white privileged people that does not represent the history of all. Teresa Williams exposes the school system's neglect of presenting history that includes all perspectives. Williams said,

"History is actually HIS story and the schools have failed to actually tell us the real story. The purpose of my presentation is to give people information about Puerto Rico, Mexico and Christopher Columbus's impact on the Americas. Until we know the real story we will continue to be bias against people that speak or look different from us. In order to be united we need to learn the truth."

In addition, institutional funding is based on an inequitable distribution that leaves students living in impoverished conditions with the least resources. Ginger Van Nostrand tells us, "Breaking the barriers that allow a greater understanding of white privileges and the inequalities that these unearned privileges impose on non whites is a difficult task. I work for the day that these unbalanced conditions will end so that racial equality can take a victory lap." Sara Calkins looks closely at the effects of school policies in her The School to Prison Pipeline presentation. Calkins shares her insight, "This is an area of knowledge that is not widely known or talked about, but is crucial to our future as a free Nation. The School to Prison Pipeline is a nationwide system of education and public safety policies that push minority students out of school and into the criminal justice system in a discriminatory fashion. It is the shame of the nation affecting the minority youth groups in the United States."

Even the food choices offered in the school setting expose a corporate agenda for greed that results in unhealthy consumption by students. Melissa Dewey has uncovered the monopoly that such businesses have on state funded contracts. Right here at Westfield State the Sodexo corporation dictates the offerings each day. Dewey explains, "All around us are limits to what we are allowed to eat. Whether it is contract of a food corporation such as Sodexo on a school campus, or the high prices of healthy food at a grocery store; all around us is a firm hold that makes it difficult to purchase and

consume healthy, nutritious food."

Martin Luther King had a dream and so does Filipe Vazquez. Vazquez, a foster child survivor, dreams about a program supported by WSC students that mentors and supports other foster children in the surrounding communities to encourage education as a resource that provides a future of hope. Vazquez explains "I was intending for my project to bridge the fissure that exists between Westfield State College and the city of Westfield to the foster children in not only Springfield, but Westfield as well. I want to create a foundation at WSC to mentor and aid our younger generation of foster children who feel lost and void of hope."

Professor Margot Hennessy, Ph. D. the incoming Chair of Ethnic and Gender Studies has been the guide for these students to achieve this program. She has shared her extensive insight and knowledge in an inspirational manner. Hennessy, Coordinator of Multicultural and Ethnic Studies, states, "It is an honor to work with students who have explored their own sense of justice and invested with passion in creating changes in the world around them. They are an amazing group of students whose experiences in MCES have made them awake to the inequalities and injustices but also empowered them to work for justice on the local and global scale. They are ready to make strong contributions to social justice as citizens not just students. This conference is a testament to what students can do when they feel their own wings and are asked to work on projects that inspire them."

These subjects represent just a few of the many interesting presentations that will be shared at the conference. Please join us in our quest to bring a focus to the important issues offered by the MCES minors at the May 6th Capstone conference in the Garden Conference room from 9AM-5PM, refreshments and lunch will be served. The goal as stated by Howard Zinn, "Changing minds one at a time."

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The Angry Liberal

By Molly Coyle

I consider myself to be pretty liberal but I think a lot of people would be surprised to find out that I'm not a liberal on all issues. One issue where I'm not particularly liberal is the issue of immigration.

I saw a piece done on CNN about a child of illegal immigrants who could receive federal funding to go to college. The idea of this was more than a little outrageous to me, considering I didn't get very much money from the government to go to college and my parents pay taxes and his don't. That's what makes me apprehensive about welcoming illegal immigrants into our country. For me, it comes down to taxes. If you don't pay taxes to our government, you shouldn't be allowed to receive benefits that law-abiding, tax-paying citizens do, like public education.

The problem with this argument is that it's not just black and white. The gray area in this

situation is the children that are born to illegal immigrants in the United States, which technically makes them citizens. A study by the Pew Hispanic Center reported that 4 million children in the United States are born to at least one illegal immigrant parent. That is a baffling statistic. The study also showed the 7 percent of students in kindergarten through grade twelve are children of illegal immigrants. That number is up from 5.3 percent in 2003. With numbers that big what do we do with all these children? They are technically citizens. This question would be a lot easier to answer if President Obama's amnesty plan goes through. Obama proposed, during his campaign, that he would provide an amnesty program to illegal immigrants who are living in the U.S. now. This program would include lessons in how to speak English, and a pathway to becoming citizens. If the children

have parents who are in the amnesty program they should be allowed to stay, but if not, then the parents should be deported and the children given the decision to go with them or to stay if they have family who are citizens. The bad thing about this proposition is that President Obama's officials in the White House have said that Obama will



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not be addressing the issue of immigration reform this year, but that's understandable. He has quite a bit on his plate as is.

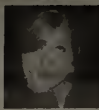
I've heard the argument that immigrants are the backbone of our country because the only

real Americans are Native Americans after all, and this is true, but there is a slight difference. The difference is that the people who came over from different countries went to a place called Ellis Island where they received papers and became citizens before moving in. I'm sure there are plenty of people back then that didn't do this but I would venture a guess and say a majority of them did come through Ellis Island, thus making them U.S. citizens. The people that are coming here illegally are just sneaking in and living under the radar.

I've also heard conservatives say that illegal immigrants are taking our jobs. This is obviously true to a certain extent but that isn't the fault of the immigrant, it's the fault of the owner or the business. Business owners tend to lower the salaries to levels that most Americans would not agree to work at

because they know that they can take advantage of a non-citizen. It's not a valid response to say "They do jobs that Americans wouldn't," because especially now, during a time when jobs are scarce, more Americans might be looking for jobs outside of their normal field of work. Business owners who employ illegal immigrants and exploit them ought to be severely punished.

I can understand why someone from another country might want to come to the U.S., after all, we are the "land of opportunity," but there are only so many opportunities that the government can pay for with tax money and if it's citizens who are providing that tax money, then it's the citizens who should be able to reap the benefits that the government provides when it uses the citizens' tax money.



The Conservative Corner

By Sean Klay

I want to start this week by being very clear. I am all for Immigration of foreign nationals to the United States. However, I am NOT in favor of Illegal Immigration to the United States. The solution to this is simple, enforce existing immigration laws and deport every last illegal immigrant who is here. To the nay-sayers out there who say this can't be done, or that it would be heartless to do so, I say you are wrong. First, it can be done, it's just that we have linguists and are gullible in enforcing the law of this nation. Second, if people will not respect the laws of this nation in order to get here, how can we expect them to respect our laws once they move here?

Those of us who want our immigration laws enforced are not racists, even though there are many out there who try to paint that picture. We simply want to have our laws on the books enforced, and if you don't like them then we have the ability to petition our government and have them changed. Now, I will admit, that I do believe our laws need to be changed to deal with the changing realities that exist,

but until that happens existing laws need to be enforced, otherwise why have them at all?

In the mean time, let me share statistics with you all about the dark side of illegal immigration, it is not the victimless crime that many would have you believe.

In a study conducted by Deborah Schurman-Kaufman Ph.D of violent crimes between January 1999 and April 2006 over one million sexually related crimes were conducted by illegal immigrants. According to her report this translates to over 130,000 sexually related crimes annually in the United States, crimes that would have never taken place if our immigration laws were actively enforced.

In a recent Washington Times article entitled "Gangs follow Illegal Aliens," it was noted that "The violent MS-13 - or Mara Salvatrucha - street gang is following the migratory routes of illegal aliens across the country, FBI officials say, calling the Salvadoran gang the new American mafia...MS-13 has a significant presence in the Washington area, and other gangs are spreading into small towns

and suburbs by following illegal aliens seeking work in places such as Providence, R.I., and the Carolinas, FBI task force director Robert Clifford said. "The migrant moves and the gang follows," according to Clifford. This has become such an issue that the FBI has a Task Force dedicated to just this one group...a first in the Bureau's history.

KGTU in San Diego recently conducted a report in which it found that it cost the American Taxpayer \$100,000 on average per illegal per year in the United States for government services used (health care, education, emergency room care, etc.). All in all, illegal immigration is in fact a drain on the American Economy and not a help.

In closing let me leave you with this food for thought. Perhaps we should consider a policy of reciprocity with Mexico and match our immigration laws with theirs. For example, in Mexico:

If you immigrate to Mexico, you must speak the native language. You have to be a professional or an investor, they do not accept unskilled workers.

There are no special



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bilingual programs in the schools, no special ballots for elections, and no government business is conducted in your native language.

Foreigners do not have the right to vote, or are allowed to hold political office.

Immigrants cannot be a burden to taxpayers. No welfare or food stamps.

Immigrants are not allowed to buy waterfront property in Mexico.

There are just some of Mexico's immigration laws. Am I saying we should really adopt them? No. I am saying there is a serious double standard. If we want to end this problem, this is what we need to do. 1. Enforce existing laws, 2. Deport all violent offenders and give no second

chances, 3. Promote free trade with all of Central and South America, 4. Promote American companies to invest in the people of these countries and in their internal infrastructure. Most of these people want to improve their lives not just for themselves but for their children. The best way to do that is to help them improve their countries through economic investment and education and 5. Within this American Free Trade Zone, give a 10 year corporate tax break to companies who invest with in this zone and pay wages comparable to those found within the U.S.

Is this the solution, no, but I think it's a start. This would not just benefit them, but us as well. Food for thought.



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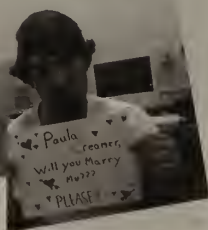


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Time Machine *by Franny Zupancic*

This Week in Music History

The Cure - Disintegration May 1989 - 20th Anniversary

May 1 marks the 20th anniversary of The Cure's most successful album, "Disintegration." Disintegration is notable for the 80's goth pop band's only top ten hit, "Lovesong." During moments of The Cure's career where drug and alcohol consumptions were at a staggering high, frontman Robert Smith feared the band was becoming misunderstood by the public, and decided that the group's next record would revert back to a more dark mood in comparison to recent cure records "The Head on the Door" and "Kiss Me Kiss Me Kiss Me."

The nearing of Smith's 30th birthday pressured him to write a masterpiece because he felt most hands released their best albums before reaching such an age. Disintegration's depressing lyrical content is largely influenced by Smith's depression brought on by turn-

ing thirty, and most of the lyrics and music of the album were written by Smith himself. Had The Cure not approved of the work, Disintegration would have been a Robert Smith solo album.

The Cure approved of Smith's work and recorded thirty-two tracks in one summer. Twelve tracks would make the final cut and become Rolling Stone Magazine's selection for the number 326 spot on their "500 Greatest Albums of All Time" list.

Where are they now?

In 2004, The Cure became the fourth and final subjects of the annual MTV tribute show, "MTV Icon." Blink-182, AFI, and other Cure-influenced bands paid tribute to The Cure by performing covers of their songs.

Robert Smith also appeared on Blink-182's eponymous fifth album on the track "All of This," and has been named by the band as a

major influence.

Korn fans may remember hearing a guest on "Make Me Bad," a track on their 2007 Unplugged album. Robert Smith contributed vocals and performed a short cover of The Cure's "In Between Days" within the Korn track.

The Cure released their thirteenth studio album,

"4:13," in 2008 and it was met with mixed response. Some consider it to be an essential, while others criticize the production and writing. The album's four singles were each released on the 13th day of each month following the album's release.



The Cure - Disintegration
May 1, 1989
20th Anniversary

Top 10 Billboard Singles

1. Black Eyed Peas - Boom Boom Pow
 2. Lady GaGa - Poker Face
 3. Flo Rida - Right Round
 4. Miley Cyrus - The Climb
 5. Soulja Boy Tell 'em Featuring Sammie - Kiss Me Thru The Phone
 6. Kid Cudi - Day 'N' Nite
 7. Jamie Foxx Featuring T-Pain - Blame It
 8. T.I. Featuring Justin Timberlake - Dead and Gone
 9. Eminem - We Made You
 10. The Fray - You Found Me
- Weekend Box Office Sales**
1. Obsessed
 2. 17 Again
 3. Fighting
 4. The Soloist
 5. Earth

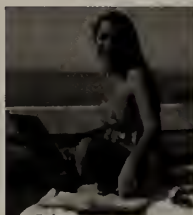
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EDITOR'S DESK



Well it's finally over. Our last issue. I'd like to start off by thanking some people. If you don't like long, drawn out Oscar acceptance speeches then you might want to turn the page. Here we go. I would like to start off by thanking our staff who have been there for us week in and week out. Angela Bunt, Cait Penndorf, Deb Silverman, Molly Coyle, Lynn Moynahan, Patrick Dayton, Katherine Heidmar, Matthew Castonguay, Hugh Mailly, and everyone else who has helped us put together the paper on a weekly basis. Without you, we certainly would not have been able to accomplish everything we have. Also, I'd like to thank our advisors, Professor Brewster and Professor Layng for the support they have given us through thick and thin. We couldn't ask for a better pair of advisors who are willing to do whatever it takes for their students and the newspaper. I'd like to thank SGA for their help and support throughout the school year. Finally, I'd like to thank Professor Weing and Professor Neikirk, two of the most influential professors I have ever had, because without their help and support I wouldn't be where I am today as a writer. And of course my family and friends too. I certainly wouldn't be where I am today without their love and support. I'd also like to wish the best of luck to the incoming editors, Cait Penndorf and Matthew Castonguay.

Also, make sure to check out the Voice bbq in Stanley Park on May 7. Free food, enough said. I wish the best of luck to all graduating seniors and I hope everyone has a great summer.

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Song of the week: Phish - Bug

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Ani DiFranco performs at the Colonial Theatre

photo by Alicia Bunt



Angela Bunt
Managing Editor

Ani DiFranco has been in the music industry as folk and feminist icon for over 20 years, and yet is still more relevant than ever.

The 38-year-old singer/songwriter spoke about politics, nuclear power and same-sex marriage to the enthusiastic crowd gathered at The Colonial Theatre last week in Pittsfield, Mass.

DiFranco opened her set with "Shy," a fan favorite. The hard-edged song set a somewhat angry tone, which was quickly dispelled when DiFranco complimented the theatre. "They even have hot and cold running water," she said.

DiFranco, wielding a different acoustic guitar for nearly every song, was joined

onstage by a drummer, bassist and wooden xylophone player. DiFranco promised lots of fresh material, but still managed to find the perfect balance between new and old.

"Manhole," a song about "monogamy, fidelity, promiscuity, struggling," was among the old, yet the energy and emotion injected into every performance breathed new life into it.

Among the new was a song about President Barack Obama, which proved to be one of the more poignant moments of the night. "I'd rather have a bad economy and a good direction, not the other way around," said DiFranco before ripping into the ode to Obama, a song which unified the crowd just as the election unified the country.

"Thank you, America, for giving us more than we expected," sang DiFranco, in her classic voice which sounds

like a combination of singing, yelling and crying. In a good way.

DiFranco touched on same-sex marriage, noting "when change happens it f*ckin' happens." She also shared her feelings about nuclear power (or, nuclear waste as she calls it), which was followed by the driving "Atom Song."

DiFranco's stage presence is so powerful that all you have to do is sit and watch. Listening to her lyrics and watching her performance and the raw emotion that she shares with the crowd is enough to leave even the most well-versed fan wide-eyed.

DiFranco ended the show with three encores, including the classic "Gravel," where she sang about a lover who she can't seem to let go: "But, oh what can I say, I adore you." The feeling is mutual, Ani.



Sarah Hollm presents her artwork at the WSC Student Art Show on Wednesday at the Arno Maris Gallery. More pictures to come next week.

The Jerry Gravel track dedicated to head coach



Jerry Gravel, left, and his wife, Joan, stand next to the plaque erected in his honor. Also pictured is Westfield State College president Evan S. Dobelle. Photo courtesy of <http://www.westfieldstatecows.com/>

WESTFIELD, Mass. – Westfield State College celebrated the naming of the "Jerry Gravel Track" on Saturday, April 25, as the track dedication in the name of the college's longtime head coach preceded the current team's victories in the MASCAC Championship meet.

More than 150 alumni, family and friends joined in for the track dedication, as coach Gravel, his wife Joan, and a number of family members were welcomed back by master of ceremonies Dick Lenfest, Westfield State's director of athletics.

College president Evan Dobelle provided a welcome from the college, before turning the microphone over to Dr. Carol Persson, Westfield State's vice

president of enrollment management and a longtime colleague of Gravel's in the movement science department.

"Jerry Gravel ... coach, teacher, mentor, role model, colleague, friend, husband, father, grandfather, brother ... today we honor the man who has touched our lives in one or more of these roles," said Persson.

She noted that the naming of the track was particularly appropriate, as many of the alumni in attendance had trained in the parking lots or steam tunnels on campus. When coach Gravel arrived at Westfield State in 1969, the campus did not have a track.

Quoting Calvin Coolidge, Persson added, "No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the

strong impact Gravel had on his students and athletes. "Coach, you have done what you taught us to do, you have succeeded in life. This is your gold medal. Thank you."

Known for the work ethic which he instilled in his athletes, as well as his sense of humor, Gravel addressed the crowd after unveiling the granite-and-bronze monument which will permanently stand in the entryway to the track.

"I was recruited to come coach at Westfield State," said Gravel. "They promised me a rose garden. When I came out here into the woods," motioning to where the track now stands, Gravel said "That's exactly what I found, because we didn't even have a track."

reward for what he gave." Jerry, you have given – and continue to give – much ... to your athletes, your fellow coaches, your students and colleagues, your friends and family, and to Westfield State College."

A l u m n u s Kevin Dalton '77, speaking on behalf of all the alumni in attendance, noted the

While the college constructed the outdoor track early in Gravel's 30-year tenure at Westfield State, the facility was renovated two years ago and now serves as a state of the art complex in New England with its eight-lane running track, along with four jumping pits and runways, and an adjacent throwing area for the javelin, shot, hammer and discus. Also, the indoor field house has a 160-meter four lane training track and field event areas.

Gravel noted that his sister was unable to attend due to poor health, and took a moment to think of one of his athletes, Sgt. Dan Buckley '77, who is currently serving in Iraq.

Gravel joked that his father had told him that he wasn't too good with his hands, so he'd better make a living with his mind, and that he spent too much time on sports, so he combined them to make his career as a professor and coach.

"I saw myself as a scientist," said Gravel. "What we did in the field was relevant to what we did in the classroom. I saw myself as a professor."

He thanked many family members as well. "My brother Jim, who was the first to think this day was possible", suggesting the naming to President Dobelle. "My family made the sacrifices. Thanks to Mark and Heather (Jerry's son and daughter) I was able to reap the benefits

of coaching, and to my wife Joan, who raised the kids, and welcomed members of the team into our house.

Tongue in cheek, Jerry also noted that "thanks to Joan I never had to sign a paycheck for the first 15 years of my career, and she provided constant advice on improving my social skills."

Gravel also leaves behind a legacy of service to the college, as he was a driving force in helping to establish the Dan Doyle Memorial Scholarship, and the James Earley Memorial Scholarship to honor two of his former athletes and provide financial support to current students at the college. The Doyle Scholarship fund has reached more than \$100,000 in endowed funds and has provided a pair of scholarships annually.

"I have done little more than provide inspiration," said Gravel "The Doyle and Earley scholarships will be there forever. This was not one person's endeavor."

Gravel ended his remarks, noting that the naming is the culmination of "the hard work and dedication of many people, from his athletes, to assistant coaches and administration."

"The true tribute, to me, is the many friends and family that showed up here today to celebrate with me."

WSC women win track title



2009 New England Alliance outdoor track and field champions.

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WESTFIELD, Mass. – The Westfield State College women's track and field team captured the New England Alliance outdoor championship on Saturday, April 25, at the newly dedicated Jerry Gravel Track.

Westfield won its second ever Alliance crown by edging perennial power Southern Maine, 162.5 to 136. Southern

Maine had won the past nine Alliance crowns. The Owls won their first title in 1999.

Westfield placed first in three events. Junior Kerry Arouca shattered the meet record in the steeplechase with a time of 11:02.16. Senior Marianne Mealey won the 5,000 meter run (19:00.90) and senior standout Marlee Berg won the 100 hurdles

in 15.81.

Berg also placed second in the long jump (16-7 1/4) and high jump, tying her personal best (5-7).

Arouca was second in the 1500 meter run (4:51.26).

Also finishing second were Rachel Ryan in the shot put (37-1 3/4) and Amanda Gricus in the hammer throw (143-4).

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A cure for MLB's premature ballot

Teresa Dollfuss
Voice Columnist

It's three weeks into the 2009 baseball season. Some teams are doing fairly well, others not so much. Players are going through hitting streaks and slumps as per usual for the beginning of a season.

Teams have just begun to establish themselves, as have the players on those teams. Injuries have happened, and will continue to happen for months to come. Players that are hot now will most likely go into slumps in the next few weeks, and vice versa. So tell me, why has All-Star game voting has already started?

The All-Star game, this year at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, doesn't take place until July 14. Voting for the All-Star game doesn't end until July 2. If voting started later there would still be plenty of time for players to develop more and establish themselves as worthy enough to go to the All-Star game. Why start voting now?

In my opinion, voting shouldn't start until late May. That's two months into the baseball season where voters can see who's injured, who has had the best season up until that point, and who they believe is worthy to go to represent the American and National leagues.

If people start voting now, a player could get voted in that's hot right now, but whose numbers have declined by the time the All-Star game comes around. A player that gets voted in now could have excellent defensive skills for the month of April, but could be committing serious errors by the time July rolls around. It's way too early to begin voting.

Voting should come down to the last few weeks previous to when voting ends. Therefore, it should begin the end of May or beginning of June, when people can effectively vote in those who deserve to go.

Some people like to vote for only those on the team they support, or based on popularity of the player, such as Albert Pujols, Manny Ramirez, or even Vladimir Guerrero. Granted, the previously mentioned players are exceptional at their positions, but others who have grown as players should get a chance to go to the All-Star game.

Voting now for favorite players or those that are believed to be a shoe-in for the All-Star game takes away the chances of others to get in for the first or second time. That's another reason why voting should start later. There could be players who were considered nobody's last season but have a breakout year this year.

My point is, voting should commence later in the season. Anything can happen in the next few months. Why rush a good thing?

Three wins down, one to go for the Green

Michelle Favolise
Sports Reporter

The Boston Celtics started the 2009 playoffs without well known starting forward Kevin Garnett, also known as The Big Ticket. Leon Powe, also a Celtics forward, is out for the remaining playoff season due to an ACL injury. Despite the Celtics' unfortunate injuries going into the playoffs, they've continued to go out on the court each night and show the Bulls what they are made of.

Going into Game 5 against the Chicago Bulls in Boston, the teams were tied 2-2. The Celtics had lost a heart-breaking game on Sunday afternoon in Chicago in an intense double-overtime game. Boston was leading 110-107 with 9.0 seconds left in overtime when Ben Gordon tied the game yet again by nailing a three pointer with 4.5 seconds left. The Bulls continued to hold off the Celtics for the rest of the game in double-overtime and took Game 4 1 1 8 - 1 2 1.



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Tuesday night, the Celtics took on the Bulls in Game 5, looking for a win on their home court in Boston. Ray Allen, one of the greatest three-point shooters of all time, fouled out in the 4th quarter with only 18 seconds left after hitting a crucial three point shot with 5:27 left on the clock.

After a block by Perkins, Rondo set off down the court with a fast break assisting Pierce for the layup which led to Boston tying the game at 91 with only 1:06 left on the clock. Gordon retaliated with a leaper that gave the Bulls a 2 point advantage with only 16 seconds left. But The Truth once again

sank another shot to tie the game at 93 with only 10.5 seconds left to send the game into overtime for the third time in the series.

Baskets were traded back and forth until the Celtics were up by 2 points with 2 seconds left when the Celtics' point guard, Rajon Rondo, fouled Brad Miller on a layup attempt giving him the chance to tie the game and potentially send the game into double-overtime. Miller missed his first free throw and intentionally missed his second hoping that the Bulls would regain possession in a chance to score. Miller's intentional miss did not hit the rim which meant the Celtics would gain possession yet again which was long enough for the Celtics to claim another win.

Winning Game 5 was an imperative win for the Celtics giving them two more chances to win the series. The Celtics will be playing at Chicago on Thursday night with a 3-2 advantage.

Tyler loophole could spell doom for NBA

Jeff Dale
Editor-At-Large

With the NBA in the midst of playoff basketball, a high-profile story has taken a backseat. Seventeen-year-old Jeremy Tyler is dropping out of San Diego High School and making the leap to the pro ranks.

Tyler is not jumping to the NBA, but rather to Europe and he's not the first to do it either.

Virginia prep star Brandon Jennings was the first to make the leap, and now Tyler has followed suit. This new trend has caused uproar with some in the media.

"I'm really frustrated and very disappointed," ESPN analyst Dick Vitale said Thursday in the San Diego Union-Tribune. "When are kids going to realize that being a kid is an important part of life? Some of them want that instant gratification and want to chase that dream of being a pro so quickly they forget about the most important years of their life."

Some have blamed the NBA's age limitations for entering the draft, but Tyler says he just wants to become a better



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basketball player.

"Nowadays, people look to college for more off-the-court stuff versus being in the gym and getting better," Tyler said in The New York Times. "If you're really focused on getting better, you go play pro somewhere. Pro guys will get you way better than playing against college guys."

The NBA has had a

long history of players coming directly out of high school to the pro ranks, most notably are future Hall of Famers Kevin Garnett and Kobe Bryant. But the NBA has seen its fair share of busts as well: Kwame Brown, Darius Miles and Leon Smith to name a few.

That is why, in 2006, NBA commissioner David Stern implemented an age limit on

players entering the NBA draft. A player must be a year removed from high school to enter the NBA, but with players now going international, the NBA could be damaged from a talent standpoint.

Several players have already jumped ship to international teams because the money was better. Josh Childress is making \$20 million over three seasons in Greece, while Bostjan Nachbar is making over \$14 million in Moscow.

With the NBA's economic stability clearly in a decline and player salaries likely to go down in the coming years, who says players like Tyler will come back to America?

If NBA role players like Childress and Nachbar are getting paid big bucks elsewhere, how much would international teams shell out for a player of Tyler's talent?

With the rising popularity of professional basketball around the world, an international team could land a big name. If that happens, it could spell doom for the NBA.

FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

Hey kids, I'm back. It's been a week and for me, that's a week too long. Since I've been gone, the Bruins took the Habs to the wood shed and showed them what's up, the Celtics began their post-season with out Kevin Garnett and the Red Sox managed to put together a modest 11 game win streak which included a 3game sweep of the Evil Empire. And the NFL draft was held this past weekend. So there was that.

This week, I have a couple of things to talk about. First off, I figure with all these other events in the sporting world going on, you all probably missed the real life version of Talladega Nights that took place during the NASCAR race at Talladega this past Sunday. Carl Edwards' car got air-bom and flew into the catch fence along the front stretch grand stand while racing to the win on the final lap, reducing it to a flaming pile of metal. Edwards emerged, unhurt, and jogged across the finish line, evoking visions of Jean Gerard and Rickey Bobby running across the finish line to Pat Benatar belting out "We Belong." While there was no Pat Benatar, it was still pretty entertaining for anyone

who's seen Talladega Nights and enjoys carnage on an occasion. If you missed it, youtube "Carl Edwards 2009 Talladega Crash." Its worth while.

Speaking of movies that aren't great, here's one that's utterly f-ing terrible. Volcano. I was sitting at home trying to come up with a speech on Carl Jung when I got massively side tracked by this train wreck of a sci-fi disaster movie. I could not avert my eyes. The 1997 attempt at a science disaster movie is filled with laughably bad dialogue, hackneyed cliché's, bad acting and some truly unbelievable science.

For me, this is what made it entertaining. I enjoy few things more than laughing at movies that someone takes seriously. What amazes me most is that movies, like Volcano, seem good enough to enough people to get the movie made in the first place. For a cast with Anne Heche, Tommy Lee Jones, Don Cheadle, and numerous other recognizable character actors, the movie is horrid. Pick a scene, any scene. Anne Heche watching the volcano erupt (quite lamely, I must say) and saying to her dead friend while the single dramatic

tear rolls down her cheek, "you would have really loved this, Rachael." Perhaps Gabby Hoffman getting lava spewed on her upper thigh and yelling "Dad! My leg is burning!" without doing much more shaking her foot. Or, even better, the scene where they damn the lava with cement k-rails. Seriously? A lava flow that is eating through city streets, melting cars, devouring palm trees, burning down every thing it touches is no match for 72 concrete highway dividers. I'm calling BS on that one. All of those scenes are just terrible. I laughed out loud at everyone one of them.

On IMDB.com, Volcano received a 5.1 rating. Just for an idea, The Specialist has a 4.8, Kangaroo Jack has a 4.1, and Point Break pulled in a respectable 6.8. The difference between these movies and Volcano is that Volcano was actually somewhat big when it came out. Obviously, the cast was pretty good, but even the best actors can't always compensate for a script that, from what I can tell, was written by someone better studied in the field of cliché's than Nuke LaLoosh and either miserably failed or never took a

geology class.

I love disaster movies and usually, I'm surprisingly willing to look past some of the bad science because the script is decent and the effects, amazing. Dante's Peak is a phenomenal disaster movie in my opinion. Watch it if you have the time and enjoy the genre. If you like laughing hysterically at someone else's poor effort and hard work that has gone for not the way I do, then you should rent Volcano. If for nothing else, it certainly is a laugh riot for all the wrong reasons.

Next, I have a shameless plug for all of you cramming, walking around with your ipods and zunes and pouring over pages of text you should have read three months ago. If you're getting sick of hearing "Bubbly" or "I'm Yours" or anything by The Fray for the millionth time, try downloading the Adam Carolla podcast. It's a good time, entertaining and often features popular celebrities shooting the (four letter word) with the Aceman. If you're looking for an alternative to the over-played stuff on your mp3 player, this is certainly something worthwhile.

Lastly this week, I'd like to

thank some people. With finals quickly approaching, this will be the penultimate issue of The Voice for this school year, and the final one for this years Editors in Chief, Colby Henderson and Jeff Dale. Next issue, Caitlin Penndorf and I will be taking over the reigns and getting our feet wet before the 09-10 school year. Cait and I would sincerely like to thank Colby and Jeff, as well as layout editor Angela Bunt for their tireless work and commitment to the paper, and at least in my case, for putting up with my writing style and tendency to enjoy staying at home and sleeping when I should be editing. We'd also like to thank our advisors Glen Brewster and George Layne for their work along side us all semester, who have, and hopefully will continue, to be the voices of reason for us in the coming year.

And that's about it for me. Next week I'll be coming to you from (one of) the Editors chair. Hope it doesn't go to my head. Cheers.



Best and worst movies you've seen



Colby Henderson

Best

1. Annie Hall
2. Good Will Hunting
3. High Fidelity

Worst

1. The Pacifier
2. The Fast and the Furious
3. Triple X



Jeff Dale

Best

1. Shawshank Redemption
2. GoodFellas
3. Godfather pt. II

Worst

1. A Walk to Remember
2. Fever Pitch
3. Happy Feet



Franny Zupancic

Best

1. Godfather
2. Godfather pt. II
3. Goodfellas

Worst

1. Godfather pt. III
2. The Happening
3. Mr. Beans Holiday



Angela Bunt

Best

1. A Hard Day's Night
2. The Faculty
3. Back to the Future

Worst

1. Pay It Forward
2. Across the Universe
3. Deep Impact



Debbie Silverman

Best

1. Gone Baby Gone
2. Mystic River
3. Vertical Limit

Worst

1. Role Models
2. Anchorman
3. Talladega Nights

Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

You should avoid getting involved in the personal problems of colleagues. Extravagance and overindulgence are not a cure if you're feeling sorry for yourself. Channel your energy into passionate interludes with your lover. Entertainment should include a lot of your friends.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

You may have a hidden adversary who would love to prove you wrong. You are best to move quickly and to get in good with the boss. You need to pamper yourself for a change.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

Don't let your emotions interfere with your efficiency. Visit friends or relatives you rarely see. You can make money if you put your savings into conservative investments. Do your chores and get on with the things you enjoy doing.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

Put financial speculation with family members or friends on the back burner for now. Help with your aspirations is likely, and profits could follow. Tempers may flare if you haven't been completely honest about your intentions or your whereabouts.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

You may need the space, but you need the extra cash more. People trying to entice you to join in will be less than trustworthy. You need an outlet that will help take your mind off any troubles at work. Someone you live with could be frustrated and upset.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

Do not get involved in joint financial ventures. Unstable relationships are likely. Don't go overboard; start small and work toward building it up slowly. If you are not already, think about going into business for yourself.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

Things aren't as they appear. You will be extremely receptive to new and progressive methods at work. You can get ahead if you play your cards right. Your own small business on the side sounds pretty lucrative.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

Problems with relatives and friends could surface. You may find that your boss is not delighted with your work lately. Any financial limitations will probably have to be dealt with on your own. Don't get involved in idle chatter that will hurt your position.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

Your temper could be short if someone criticizes your efforts. You will have the ability to capture the interest of others. Your magnetic, outgoing personality will capture hearts. Minor accidents may occur if you don't concentrate on what you're doing.

Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

You might find that delays will cause setbacks and upset. Responsibilities with respect to older relatives may be a burden. Don't spend more than is necessary on travel or friends. You will learn easily if you put forth an effort.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

Take the time to help those less fortunate. New partnerships will develop if you join investment groups. Listen to the advice given by those with experience. If boredom has set in, find new and unique directions that offer interesting friendships.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

Consider making pleasure trips or participating in entertainment that will require energy. Try not to skirt issues if you think you'll hurt someone's feelings.

*courtesy of astrology-online.com

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WAHOO

WARMOUTH

*Courtesy of www.puzzle.com

Keep Cookin' with Jackie Bunt



Italian artichoke tomato love pasta sauce

Ingredients:

- 2-3 tbs. Canola oil
- 2 cloves chopped garlic
- thawed artichoke hearts (5-6 chunks)
- 4 medium tomatoes
- 1/2 Italian seasoning packet
- 1 tbl. balsamic vinaigrette
- 1 tbl. thyme
- 2-3 cups medium pasta shells

Directions:

1. Boil water in a pan and add pasta shells.
2. Heat oil in medium saucepan.
3. Add chopped garlic to heated pan.
4. After heating up garlic (about 1 minute) add cut tomatoes and artichoke hearts. Stir together than add 1/2 Italian seasoning packet, thyme and balsamic vinaigrette. Stir and cook together on a medium high heat for 5-10 minutes.
5. keep an eye on your shells and don't forget to strain them!
6. In a medium to large bowl mix all the ingredients together with your shells.







Thumbs Up / Thumbs Down



Matt, Cait, and Deb
taking over the Voice



Last issue for Jeff,
Colby, and Ange

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Tue 5/5	High 74 Low 53		Mostly Cloudy 10% Chance of Prec.
Wed 5/6	High 85 Low 56		Showers 40% Chance of Prec.
Thu 5/7	High 71 Low 53		Few Showers 30% Chance of Prec.

Hours Of Operation

Dining Commons

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-8:00p.m.
 Saturday & Sunday 8:00a.m.-1:30p.m. & 4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.
 *Cyber Cafe located in the Dining Commons is open 24
 hours with limited self service

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 Saturday 12:00p.m.-11:00p.m.
 Sunday 1:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

Dunkin Donuts

Monday-Thursday 8:00a.m.-9:30p.m.
 Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.
 Saturday & Sunday 7:00a.m.-12:30a.m.

Quixotes

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 Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

Jazzman's Cafe

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 Saturday 12:00p.m.-11:00p.m.
 Sunday 1:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

Pandini's

Monday-Sunday 8:00a.m.-12:00a.m.

The Perch

Friday & Saturday 8:00p.m.-2:00a.m.

Garden Cafe

Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

Bookstore

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30a.m.-6:00p.m.
 Wednesday 8:30a.m.-7:00p.m.
 Friday 8:30a.m.-4:00p.m.
 Saturday 11:00a.m.-3:00p.m.
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Issue I

Westfield State College plans to move downtown

Greg Petersen
Voice Reporter

WESTFIELD – Cracked sidewalks. Streets filled with potholes. Buildings boarded up. Patches of dirt where grass should be. If this description sounds familiar then you might be thinking of downtown Westfield.

Smoothly run traffic. New businesses moved in. Trees planted everywhere. New parks for everyone to enjoy. Improved streets and sidewalks. This is what the revitalized Westfield is envisioned to look like.

The whole project is part of a 60 million dollar improvement for the downtown area. This includes the creation of a second bridge, a theater of performing arts, academic space and improvements to greens, sidewalks, and roads.

Beginning in the fall of 2010, 1,000 students from Westfield State College will have the chance to live downtown in an attempt to help the historic city

of Westfield come back to life. Small businesses used to paint the perfect picture of the downtown area, but over the years there have been numerous businesses, almost every other three buildings, that have boarded up their doors with nothing replacing them.

Not only does this create a new opportunity for students but it also creates an opportunity for the struggling businesses in the area.

"In the long run, we believe that having WSC students living in the downtown area will benefit downtown businesses already present and become a catalyst for more businesses to locate in the area." Director of Residential Life Jon Conlogue said. "We are still in the process of confirming numbers – including how many students will be downtown as well as the rent structures."

With the estimate of 1,000 students moving downtown, there will be more businesses moving in to provide for the students.

"This will be a huge boost to downtown," Director of

Community Development for Westfield Larry Smith said. "It will bring in hundreds of a captive (i.e. residential) demographic group (college students) that has a lot of disposable income. Overall this development will help the city in terms of revitalizing downtown by attracting new businesses to court this new group. The only negative is that it will probably hurt in terms of overloading parking."

Smith also said that this is one of the quicker projects he has worked on and that it is refreshing that has been at such a rapid pace.

Students have already expressed their feelings for the development of downtown housing.

"I think that it is a good idea to have downtown housing," freshman Brian Radler said. "I would definitely think about living there, but if it comes down to living either there or in one of the apartments I would stay on campus."

Radler said that one of the negatives of living in the developments would be driving to campus everyday, especially



Picture courtesy of www.masslive.com

for students without a car. He currently takes the bus to Wal-Mart, as well as other locations, and said that it always takes longer and the bus doesn't have many times that it runs. The bus situation is a part of the revitalization and is expected to provide the students with more public transportation.

"I think it's a good idea and I'm glad there will be more shuttle service," freshman Jimmy Nelson said. "The only bad part is

that there would be RA's and ISO's."

"If I only have to wait five minutes for the shuttle then it'll be fine but I don't think it'll run like that," sophomore Paul Moses said. "I do think that it will be very convenient to be able to walk downtown and it would be even better if more places, like gas stations, started accepting Owl Bucks."

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WSC Night Owls impress the crowd once again



Caitlin Penndorf
Co - Editor-in-Chief

The Westfield State Night Owls performed on Monday, May 4th in Dey Auditorium. Beginning with Taylor Swift's "Love Story" and ending with The Fray's "You Found Me," the Night Owls cov-

ered a variety of different songs and sounds, including an 80's medley and a "sexy" medley.

Seniors John Wayneovich, Nicole Franklin, Steve Daneault, and Damon Wamock all had a great last show. Daneault's last beat boxing performance with the Night Owls was incredible and it'll be interesting to see what the group will decide to do next year without their human drum set.

While it's obvious that these seniors will be missed by their fellow Owls, there's still a lot of talent within the group. Sophomore Sarah Grella is a perfect example. Her talent shone through on the songs "Love Song" and Regina Spektor's "Samson." Grella also created the Night Owls Spring 2009 slide show that played in between sets. Another member of the group with an impressive vocal range is sophomore Brian Stokes. A favorite among the crowd, Stokes belted out Beyonce's "Halo" and

left the audience in awe. He also was the lead vocals on the sexy medley which consisted of the male portion of the group. This piece was a combination of Briny Spears, Kelis, Justin Timberlake and other artists.

"My favorite part of the night owls concert was either when Brian Stokes sang a solo because he's very talented or in a close second the 80's medley because I enjoy when the Night Owls work together as a group," said junior Brittany Siskak.

Working together as a group is something the Night Owls do exceptionally well. The combination of voices and talent makes this a group that seems to have a full audience every time. The enthusiasm they show on stage has a strong effect on the crowd. Each person brings something different to the table, making them very enjoyable to watch and listen to.

Freshman Kevin

Gardner was another member of the group who had a great performance. He sang Train's "Drops of Jupiter" in place of Brittany Costa and The Foo Fighters' "Learn to Fly." Junior Marsha Atlabachew performed the Backstreet Boy's "Show Me The Meaning," which brought many girls nostalgically back to their middle school years.

Senior Wamock ended the show with The Fray's "You Found Me." He had the perfect voice for the song and definitely ended the show on a great note.

The Westfield State College Dance Team also performed two dances in between the Night Owl's sets.

It seems that everyone enjoyed the Spring 2009 Night Owls performance. "The nights owls always light up my night and I usually go home hooting," said junior Stephanie Singleton.

Useful Phone Numbers:

Bookstore - 5657
Public Safety - 5262
Information Technology - 5528
Library - 5231

Wellness Center Hours:

Sunday - 1:00pm-8:00pm
Monday-Wednesday - 6:30am-10:00pm
Thursday & Friday - 6:30am-9:00pm
Saturday - 1:00pm-5:00pm

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Student of the Week



Stats: Colby Henderson, 22, senior from Spencer, Mass.

Major: Communications with a journalism concentration

What do you want to do when you graduate?

I would like to back pack through Europe and then go to grad school at University of Southern Florida.

If you could have one meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Sesame beef with Chef Sau fried rice, a spring roll, and a mai tai from Chef Sau.

What was the last book you read?

"The Rum Diary" by Hunter S. Thompson

What would be your dream concert?

The Who circa 1970 or Phish with The Grateful Dead.

What is your best memory from Westfield State College?

Being Editor-in-Chief of The Westfield Voice for a year.

What are your plans for the summer?

Hopefully finding a job and enjoying the warm weather.

Downtown continued from page 1

Over the years small businesses have struggled to remain open, and until the developments are up and running the college has not held housing downtown. With these housing developments, the college will be able to bring more people downtown and essentially bring those people to the struggling businesses.

"The downtown housing project will focus exclusively on giving back to the city of Westfield rather than trying to make a profit," Vice President of Advancement and College Relations Ken Lamanski said. "The only problem with the downtown housing is going to be the parking. According to the zone rights for downtown, each apartment must have two parking spots available. What the college is trying to do is have one spot for every two apartments so there will be a limit to how many cars will be on the streets."

"President Dobelle is currently deciding which bookstore company he is going with and after that decision, the company will have a bookstore both on campus and downtown, in order to provide plenty of services for the students living off campus," Lamanski said. "If the students need a coffee shop, then maybe a new coffee shop will move in. If students would like more food shops, then maybe more will come. The downtown area needs to provide all the residents with things to do and things to buy, so new shops will most likely be moving in."

He said that the new businesses moving in should not affect the existing businesses but if a Starbucks moves in then it is uncertain if a place like the Tea Pot Gallery will be affected.

Don Williams, Chairman of the Board of Westfield Bank and Chairman of the Westfield Business Improvement District believes that the revitalization of downtown is due in large part to President Dobelle and his strong

vision for the city of Westfield.

"Downtown revitalization is now within sight and under President Evan S. Dobelle's leadership, the college has captured the imagination of the city and local businesses," Williams said.

As for how long the college will keep the downtown housing is uncertain. Lamanski said that the developments will be owned by private owners and the school's lease is initially for five years, but there is an extension for an additional five years. After the ten year lease, there is no telling what the college will do. Maybe there will be another dorm on campus and the downtown living will not be needed at that point.

"The downtown initiative affords us the opportunity to become more integrated into the Westfield community and return to our historic roots, since our school was first located in downtown Westfield," President of Westfield State College Evan Dobelle said according to the Landworks Collaborative.

Currently, the complexes will feature a similar style to the apartments in New Hall, with a kitchen and a couple of rooms in each apartment. The apartments are going to be exclusively for upperclassmen and graduate students.

Lamanski said that as of right now graduate students don't have any living opportunities and this is the perfect time to get them a place to live. He also believes that more graduate students will be attracted to the school because of the guaranteed housing for them.

"We have a fantastic opportunity for both the College and the City of Westfield to pool our collective resources into a successful venture of revitalization just as so many other cities and colleges have done," Westfield Mayor Michael Boulanger said according to the Landworks Collaborative.

Dancing horses to help celebrate Cinco de Mayo at Westfield State

A group of Paso Finos, elegant dancing horses of Latino origin, were part of the celebration of Cinco de Mayo at Westfield State College. The horses, owned by Francisco Jusino, a member of the college's Environmental Services staff, will demonstrate their stepping skills, as well as danced to music, between 5 and 6 p.m. outside of the Ely Campus Center. The celebration, which was free and open to the public, also included music by Grupo Canela

from 7 to 8 p.m. in Ely Main Lounge. A nacho bar with "mocktails," non-alcoholic fruit cocktails provided by the college's Alcohol Choices Education (ACE) program, available in the Ely Main Lounge at 5 p.m. The college's Residential Life department organized the event.

Jusino, a Westfield resident and native of Puerto Rico, and members of his family frequently perform with their horses at Latino. He plans to participate

in the Puerto Rican Day parade this June in New York City. The Paso Fino (Fine Step) horses are descendants of the Spanish horses brought to the New World in the second voyage of Christopher Columbus. They are known for their unusual gaits, which offer an extremely smooth and comfortable ride.

Paso Finos share their ancestry with the Mustang, but the breed was developed and refined in Puerto Rico. Relatives of the Paso Fino, other gaited

horses, were developed in other Latin American countries, such as Peru and Columbia.

"Once you train a Paso Fino, he is very docile," Jusino said. Cinco de Mayo is a Mexican holiday celebrating the Mexican army's defeat of French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. The Mexican forces were greatly outnumbered by the much better equipped invading French army.

EDITOR'S DESK



Hello everyone!

So, this is my first Editor's Desk as Co-Editor-in-Chief with Matt Castonguay. Along with the new Layout Editor, Deb Silverman, we'll be taking over The Westfield Voice next year.

Of course I have to thank Colby Henderson, Jeff Dale and Angela Bunt for being amazing this year and teaching Matt, Deb and I what we need to know for next year. They've all been wonderful and I can't thank them enough for not giving up on me (especially when I kept forgetting how to insert a picture). You guys are so fantastic and we're going to miss you a lot next year!

I'd also like to thank Professors Brewster and Layng for everything they've done and do for the paper. I look forward to working with you in the future!

I hope that anyone interested in the paper next year will definitely stop by the Voice office (Ely C-248 over Jazzmans!) or come to the general interest meeting that will be held in the beginning of next year.

I also hope that everyone has an great summer and good luck to graduating seniors!

See you next year!

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All Letters to the Editor must be signed with your year and phone number if you are a student and department if you are a faculty member or administrator.

The Voice will print some letters anonymously, but your name must be listed on the original letter (you must note that you do not want your name listed because we

must speak to you personally to confirm the letter).

The Editorial Board reserves the right to make grammatical changes, keep the letter as is or not include the letter at all.

Submissions may be dropped off at The Voice office in Ely Campus Center, room C-248, no later than 6 p.m. on the Monday before anticipated publication date.

EDITOR'S DESK



So here it is! My long-awaited 1st career Editors desk and honestly, the only way this could be more enjoyable is if I had me some Woodford Reserve on the rocks and one of those Cuban cigars I snuggled back from Paris.

I must admit, sitting in the Editors chair is pretty cool and now, as scary as it sounds, I can't wait until next semester. Not that I'm going to wish away my summer...

Why would I? I've got two Jimmy Buffett shows, Sox tickets and a trip to Vegas (Las, not Marsh, though I'll probably end up there at some juncture) in August and plenty of golf and weekend trips to the Cape as often as I can, if I can squeeze it in around work.

Also, if you guys get a chance, head down to the Student art show (check information in this issue) and see some of the work from some of your very talented colleagues. They deserve the same support as our athletes but are often times overlooked.

Lastly, and in a clichéd move, I'd like to once again thank Jeff, Colby and Angela for their work this past year and two our advisors Glen Brewster and George Layng for their work. It was and is much appreciated.

Well, That's all folks!

Here's to hoping that Pig Flu doesn't get you!
- Matt

Song of the Week - Romeo & Juliet - Dire Straits

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Mexico City reemerges from H1N1 threat

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L.A. Times

Reporting from Los Angeles and Mexico City -- Mexico City began its struggle to return to normal today with many residents shedding the face masks that shielded them from the H1N1 outbreak and flocking to the streets to escape their voluntary confinement in their homes.

Traffic picked up considerably this morning and street vendors reappeared in the capital's sprawling Chapultepec Park. Restaurants and other businesses were also allowed to reopen, as were many non-essential government offices.

But many merchants complained that the rules they have to abide by are so onerous they might as well stay closed. Restaurants, for example, are supposed to screen patrons who enter and theaters must maintain vacant rows between members of the audience.

Globally, more than 2,000 cases of H1N1 infection have now been confirmed, with Sweden becoming the most recent country reporting a case, bringing the tally to 23 countries.

In the United States, 30 new cases in Arizona, 40 in Illinois and scattered cases elsewhere brought the total to 678 confirmed cases.

More details, meanwhile, began to come to light about the death of a Texas woman, the first U.S.

citizen whose death has been linked to the new virus. She has been identified as 33-year-old Judy Trunnell, a teacher in Harlingen, Texas, just over the border from Mexico.

She died early Tuesday morning after being hospitalized April 19, according to Leonel Lopez, the Cameron County epidemiologist. Trunnell was pregnant when she entered the hospital and the baby was delivered by cesarean section after she fell into a coma.

Health officials said she had "chronic underlying health conditions," but would not give further details and would not say if her death was a direct result of the flu.

The only other U.S. fatality was a Mexican toddler who died in a Houston hospital last week.

Although Mexico has been reporting no new deaths for the past several days, Health Minister Jose Angel Cordova said this morning that five people had died from confirmed H1N1 flu in the last six days. His government has now confirmed 42 deaths in the country, up from 29 Tuesday.

The U.S. CDC has confirmed H1N1 infection in an additional 86 Mexican deaths.

Cordova also said 1,070 people have been confirmed to have contracted the new virus, and that most of them have now recovered.

"We have seen a tendency [of the outbreak] to diminish, but not disappear," Cordova said.

A chartered Aeromexico airliner landed at Mexico City's international airport this morning carrying 136 Mexicans who had been quarantined in China. Many of the passengers complained that they had been confined without justification solely because of their Mexican nationality.

The World Health Organization issued new cautions about pigs today, seemingly contradicting earlier statements that it is safe to consume pork from infected animals.

"Meat from sick pigs or pigs found dead should not be processed or used for human consumption under any circumstances," Jorgen Schlundt, director of WHO's Department of Food Safety, Zoonoses and Foodborne Diseases, told Reuters.

He also warned that humans could possibly become infected from contact with blood from diseased pigs and that workers processing the animals should wear appropriate protective clothing.

But he also conceded that there is no data available about the survival of the virus on meat or on the infectious dose for humans.

Others pointed out, however, that the virus has so far not been found in any pigs other than a herd of about 200 animals in Canada who were infected by their farmer and have subsequently recovered.

Future bleak for print journalism hopefuls

Debra Silverman
Layout Editor

Com-mu-ni-ca-tion.

According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, communication is either: a. the act of transmitting, b. a technique for expressing ideas effectively (as in speech) or c. the technology of the transmission of information (as by print or telecommunication).

Lately, the definition of communication has been leaning toward c. the technology of the transmission of information (as by print or telecommunication). And lately, it seems, the dreams of all of the communication majors are getting smashed to small, little bits. Myself included.

Ever since I was a little girl, I had always loved the newspaper. I liked the smell, I liked the way the ink rubbed off on your fingers, and I liked glorious set up and design of page, after page, after page. From day one, I knew

I wanted to work in the "newspaper business," more commonly known as print journalism. In high school, I was the layout editor of The Knight, the campus newspaper, and I have continued the trend into college, working on The Westfield Voice. This summer, I have an internship with The Sun Chronicle, a newspaper in Attleboro, MA, doing layout.

That's all well and great, but let's not forget, I have one more year of college ahead of me. I don't have to fret about finding a job quite yet. I know that I would not like to be a senior, graduating right now with a BA in communications. I would not want to be a senior being thrown out into a world where newspapers are FAILING. Failing!!! Can you imagine?

Maybe I was born in the wrong era (note the Floyd music in the background), but it is just beyond me that The New York Times (the freaking New York Times!) has been forced to recently shut down several of its publications, including their

sports magazine, Play. Obviously, just like every other writer/graphic design artist on the planet, I have dreamt of working for the New York Times. Really now, who hasn't? I suppose though, I can kiss those dreams goodbye, should the Times continue down the path it's been going down.

The economy, the economy. We know. The economy is going down the toilet. We know. I, however, don't think that the economy is the reason the New York Times has shut down Play. I don't think that newspapers are laying off their full time writers and opting to take on more freelance writers than ever before, because of the economy. I think that the newspaper business is suffering because of the Internet. Call me crazy, but that's what I believe.

As I surf Facebook, I bite back the urge to yell at the Internet. I know I'm being hypocritical. I like every other college student, use the Internet a lot more than frequently. I just can't stand the thought that the Internet

is where I may at some point be employed. I can't stand the fact that I have to take a "Digital Media" class next semester, because the field of print journalism is slowly converting to internet journalism. Yes, should I work on the Internet it will undoubtedly be for a newspaper that has a site on the web, or some type of publication that does indeed have a print version. However, I am well aware that these print versions are going to be small, and that the majority of hired professionals will be working to make the website of the publication fantastic. So much for the ink on my fingers...

Maybe it's because I am a very visual, verbal person. Maybe it's because I understand things better face to face. It seems to me that the world around us is changing, and changing fast. People don't talk to each other any more. It was bad enough when people resorted to calling instead of meeting up to have a conversation, but now people can't even make the effort to call.

They text instead! And I again am guilty as charged. The last conversation I had today was probably through text messaging.

Yes, the world is changing. It is getting easier and easier to talk to people, to ask questions and gain answers, to have whole conversations, without seeing them for months at a time. Instead of reading the newspapers, people are getting their news online, at all of these internet publications. I don't even think people are watching the weather on the television any more, because with a click of a button, there is on you're computer screen.

So what does this mean for all of the communication majors? Especially the ones who are focusing on print journalism? I guess it means that we take classes like Digital Media Production (otherwise known as How to Make a Website 101). We learn a new task, and maybe, just maybe, it won't be so bad.

Owls Earn NCAA Bid With 4-3 Victory Over Worcester



WORCESTER - Ben Wagner (Cumberland, R.I.) drove in the game-winning run in the sixth, while junior Josh Perches (Albany, NY) and senior Phil Towne (Franklin) combined for four innings of two-hit relief to

win its second tournament crown in the last three years and gamers the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA Division III Tournament. The Lancers (29-14) forced the second elimination game when they rallied to win the afternoon contest 8-5.

help lead No. 4 seed Westfield State to a nail-biting 4-3 triumph over No. 1 seed Worcester State to capture the 2009 MASCAC Baseball Tournament Championship on Sunday evening at Lake Park.

Westfield State (23-15)

In the elimination game played under the lights at Lake Park, Westfield State opened the scoring as Wagner reached on an infield miscue, moved to second on a ground out and scored on a single through the left side by Campbell.

After that the game stayed with the Owls clinging to a 1-0 lead until the fifth inning. In that span, Westfield State left three runners on base and two in scoring position while the Lancers stranded four at the plate which included two at third base in the first and third innings.

Westfield State finally tacked on some breathing room when Campbell and freshman Matt Kelly (Weymouth) registered back-to-back RBIs to bring the lead to 3-0.

But the advantage was short lived as Worcester State responded to knot the game up 3-3 in the bottom of the fifth. Junior Ryan LaPrade (Leominster) hit a solo homer for his first of the season and then Fluegge hammered a two-run single for the equalizing runs.

That set the stage for the Owls to take the lead back in the top of the sixth. Trachtenburg led off the frame with a walk, stole second and moved to third on a sacrifice bunt. With two outs, Wagner laced an RBI double down the right field line.

Perches and Towne then combined to set down 10 of the last 13 Worcester State batters to help shut down the Lancers and keep them off the board. The pair also stranded two Lancers in scoring position, which included an opportunity in the bottom of the ninth, while they also fanned four. With a Worcester runner on second base with two outs in its last at bat, Hart again stepped to the plate with the game on the line. But Hart was unable to pro-

vide the heroics for the second straight game as Towne struck him out swinging and the Owls began celebrating.

Senior Steve Sullivan (Quincy) improved to 2-2 as he earned the winning decision in relief when he came into the game in the fifth. Towne also nailed down his second save of the season for hurling the last two innings.

Freshman Tyler Metcalf (Bellingham) dropped to 4-1 with the loss after he allowed the lead-off walk, which eventually scored, in the sixth inning. Metcalf threw five innings, allowing four runs (three earned) on eight hits, he struck out five and walked three.

In the first game, senior Matt Hart (N. Easton) and sophomore Nick Fluegge (Ware) helped spot the Lancers a 3-0 lead after five frames as Hart scored on wild pitches in the first and third innings while Fluegge jacked a solo homer in the fifth.

But the Owls eventually tied the score when they noticed a run in the bottom of the fifth on an RBI single by junior Ben Campbell (Easthampton) and on a two-run homer in the seventh by classmate Kevin Lyons (Braintree).

After sophomore starter Sean Keane (Brookton, MA) tossed a 1-2-3 eighth, Westfield State grabbed a 5-4 lead as it took advantage of a pair of miscues. With runners on first and third, Wagner hit a double-play to the second baseman that was immediately handed off to the short-

stop, but the runner slid into second with a hard slide that made the throw to first go wide and it allowed the go-ahead run cross home from third.

On the very next play, Wagner scored go ahead run on a misplayed ball in the outfield.

But the Lancers would stage a four-run rally in the top of the ninth, scoring all of the runs with two outs and the bases clear. With the Lancers down to their final out, Hart stunned the large crowd with a solo homer to tie the score at 5-5. After two walks and a single, sophomore Shane Coakley (Spencer) cleared the bases with a double.

Junior Joey Lucier (Brookton) pitched in the bottom of the inning and recorded his second save of the year with a perfect frame. Senior Pat Good (Hull) improved his record to 6-1 with the win while junior David Glass (Pittsfield) absorbed the setback for blowing the save as he was tagged for all four runs in the ninth.

Sophomore Sean Keane (Brookton) was solid for the Owls as he threw eight innings, allowing four runs on seven hits. Keane also helped preserve the bullpen for the second game as he struck out seven and walked two.

The Owls were paced by Wagner who went 5-for-10 on the afternoon with three runs scored while Campbell went 4-for-9 with three plated runs. Freshman Alex Kiarhos (Yarmouthport) also tallied three hits, which included a pinch-hit in the first game.

Westfield falls in MASCAC finals



WESTFIELD, Mass. - Senior Alyssa Veronneau (Acushnet) tossed a three-bitter and sophomore Penn King (Hanover) was 2 for 3 with a two-run double to lead Bridgewater State to a 3-0 victory over Westfield State in the championship game of the Massachusetts State College Athletics Conference (MASCAC) softball tournament on Sunday, May 3.

Bridgewater (28-9) earns a berth in the NCAA Division 3 national tournament, while Westfield finishes with a 23-14 record. The teams shared the MASCAC regular season crown with 104-records, but the Bears topped the Owls twice in the conference tournament,

including a 6-4 victory on Saturday.

Bridgewater scored all of its runs in the first inning when it collected four of its six hits off Westfield ace pitcher Chelsea Sylvia (South Dartmouth).

Bear leadoff batter Tracey Sanko (Windsor, Conn.) barely beat out a slap hit and stole second. Lauren Cucinotta (Franklin) singled to deep shortstop and Sanko moved to third. Ally LeBlanc (Somerset) then ripped a one-out RBI single up the middle. King blasted a two-out double to the left-center field gap for the early 3-0 lead.

The only major scoring threat mounted by either team came in Westfield's sixth inning, and Bridgewater got out of the jam with an unusual double play that included a controversial call at home plate.

Westfield senior standout Jackie Mason (Florida, Mass.) blooped a one-out single in the sixth and advanced to second on a throwing error by the

catcher on a failed pickoff attempt. Senior Lindsay Jardin (Assonet) reached safely on a bunt and Mason moved to third.

Kim Brennan (Douglas) then hit a grounder deep in the hole to Bridgewater shortstop Rachael Sprague. Instead of conceding the run, Sprague took a gamble and fired the ball to home plate. Mason was running on contact and appeared to have beaten Sprague's long throw to home. However, the umpire, after a long hesitation, ruled Mason out.

Bridgewater continued to execute as catcher Bridget Engwer fired the ball to third base, where Jardin was tagged out on another close play for the inning-ending double play.

Verronneau retired the side in order in the seventh to cap her fine pitching performance; she struck out six and did not issue a walk. Westfield designated hitter Alicia Gardner (Athol) broke up Verronneau's no-hit bid with a single to left field to lead off the fifth.

Sylvia struck out four and walked one. King was the only play for either team with multiple hits.

Lyons and Vermeesch earn player of week

Westfield State College junior outfielder Kevin Lyons (Braintree) was named the player of the week and junior pitcher Jesse Vermeesch (Marlboro) was selected pitcher of the week for their stellar play during the MASCAC postseason baseball tournament.

The Owls clinched their second NCAA Tournament berth in three years with a nail-biting 4-3 victory over Worcester State in the championship game. The NCAA regional tournament play begins on May 13; the pairings will be announced next Monday, May 11.

Lyons batted .450 (9-20)

with a pair of doubles, two homers, three runs scored and seven RBI. He rapped three hits and drove in four runs in a 10-4 semifinal victory over Bridgewater State, and collected four hits and two RBI in championship round contests vs. Worcester State.

Vermeesch tossed a complete game 142-pitch effort for the Owls in their key semifinal victory over Bridgewater State. Vermeesch also woo pitcher of the week honors as a freshman when he hurled a complete game for Westfield in its win over Salem State in the 2007 MASCAC championship game.

Berg named field athlete of week

Westfield State senior standout Marice Berg was selected the MASCAC field athlete of the week for earning All New England honors with a third place finish in the high jump (5-4 3/4). She also placed ninth in the 200 meter dash for the Owls at the

New England Division III championships.

Berg will be competing in the All New England (Divisions I, II, III) championships this weekend at UMass Amherst.

FROM THE CHEAP SEATS

By Matthew Castonguay

Picture courtesy of <http://cjh.huzznet.com>

Alright, it's May 6th and today, the New York Yankees are sitting in third place in the American League East at 13-13, four and a half games out of first. Not bad, you might say; but remember I'm talking about the New York Yankees, not the Detroit Tigers or the Kansas City Royals (who, by the way, are quite impressive this year. Might be this years Tampa). For a team owned by the Steinbrenner monarchy, third place may as well be last, especially when you consider their shopping spree last off-season and their brand spanking new Mausoleum of a stadium which looks more and more similar to swine flu quarantined soccer stadium (or a Nationals game) every night.

I know I'm not the only one, but damn, am I enjoying

this. And no, its not because I'm a Yankee hater, I just thoroughly enjoy watching train wrecks. This Yankee squad seems destined to end up nothing more than a middle of the row team despite their off-season acquisitions of Mark Teixeira, CC Sabathia and A.J. Burnett, whom they spent half a billion on alone.

No wonder the average ticket prices at new Yankee Stadium are more than you're parents average monthly mortgage payments. God forbid, they make they playoffs.

What also amazes me is how in six years time, Brian Cashman has gone from making genius moves to signing any big name to a monstrous contract that no one could live up, as if the cheeks were backed by

Monopoly money. Anyone else remember Scott Brosius, Tino Martinez, or Paul O'Neil? Ring a bell? Ok, how about Ricky Ledee, Chad Curtis or Shane Spencer? Didn't think so. Believe it or not, besides Derek Jeter and Bernie Williams, that was the core group and three of the role players for 4 Yankee titles, including a 1998 team that won 125 games.

Recently, I did some digging, and found Brian Cashmans' dictionary. It answered some of my most burning questions.

Role-Player – refers to a game in which the participants assume the roles of fictional characters.

"Club House" Guy – Kid who picks up clubhouse after players leave.

Chemistry – Class I failed in high school

Ok, ok, obviously Brian Cashman doesn't own this dictionary (I hope) and I did no digging, but obviously, it seems something has gotten crossed in Cashmans brain about the definitions of these word. The man who once brought Scott Brosius from Oakland to play 3B, traded Sterling Hitchcock and Russ Davis for Tino Martinez and Luis Sojo (don't you dare knock Luis Sojo) is now a sucker for throwing money at big names bound to be busts.

You look at what the Red Sox have done since the last Yankee World Series run in 2003, and it's eerily similar to

the blueprint for the 96-2000 Yankees. They have the right combination of offense, defense, starting pitching and a light out closer. Not only that, but their home-grown stars play major roles on the team and aren't just shipped away to clear room on the payroll for signing players to big contracts that they'll regret.

Seriously, I can't believe they haven't gotten the picture yet. How many small market teams make big runs every year? The Rays of the next decade, mark my word, will be most closely compared to the Atlanta Braves of the 1990's. They're not a fluke, even if they miss the playoffs this year. At the rate their going, these Yankees will be likened to the abysmal Yankee teams of the 80's that helped rob Don Mattingly of his right to a World Series title. How many times can you make the same mistake?

If the Yankees are looking for help, I'd love to throw my wisdom around. I must applaud the Nick Swisher signing. There is just something about a guy who high-fives a cardboard cut out of himself when he returns to the dugout after homering, that really gets the team going. I love Nick Swisher and I wish he had gotten a chance to be the everyday first baseman.

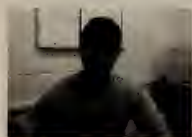
Unfortunately, the Yankees can't go back in time and make some better moves and follow their previous blue print. Not to mention, the whole A-rod headache. Honestly, at this juncture,

if he came out I wouldn't even notice. In fact, I just assume he already has since all this white noise is getting nearly as much publicity as this pig flu thing. I hope Brett Favre comes back and we hear about it for months; at least he's not jacking or kissing himself in the mirror.

Speaking of A-Rod, I was wondering this the other day, and maybe you guys can back me up on this, is there anything else in the world more frustrating than having the best player on your favorite team be the person in the world you would most like to see shoot themselves in the leg? I feel for all those Red Sox fans who loathed Manny Ramirez and all the Yankee faithful who hate Alex Rodriguez more than their in-laws. I'm a Die-hard Giants fan and I have to tell you, there are few people I dislike more than Plaxico Burress. Hence the shooting themselves in the leg comment. Even though he basically won the G-men a Super Bowl against my 3rd least favorite organization in the world (The Eagles are my least favorite, just ahead of Kohl's) and the Taliban in a tie for second) it hurt me to have to root for him week in and week out because I really just wanted him out of town so I could openly rip on him. I was just wondering if anyone else felt that way.

That's it, I'm through. Good luck with finals and a congratulations to all the graduating seniors. See you in the fall.

Summer plans in 20 words or less



Brian Scannell

Working as a head life guard at the Rutland town pool, and competing in competitive cycling, hanging out with friends and enjoying the weather.



Jeff Dale

Roadtrip with friends around the country. Find a job in this joke of a profession they call journalism... kiddng! :)



Matthew Castonguay

Work, Vegas, Cape, golf, work, beach, Sox, did I mention golf? Work, alcohol (it's ok 21 on June 3rd!) WORK!



Cait Penndorf

Driving a beer cart, beaching it, spending money I don't have, and getting the darkest tan possible (which isn't that dark!)



Debbie Silverman

Work, work, work at a country club. Internship at a newspaper (woooo!), beach whenever possible, friends, friends, friends, summer class, sunshine :)

Westfield State College students diverse in music



Picture courtesy of <http://the3sgp.com>

Greg Petersen
Voice Reporter

WESTFIELD – You want country, we've got country. You like hip-hop, they like hip-hop. Not listening to the current waves of music? Neither are they. If you like rock, so do they. Westfield State College students have a wide range in the types of music they are listening to currently.

Wikipedia defines popular music as accessible to the general public and disseminated by one or more of the mass media. It belongs to any of a number of musical genres, and stands in contrast to classical music, and traditional music which was disseminated orally. Although popular music sometimes is known as "pop music," the term pop music usually refers to a specific musical genre.

Some popular artists among students range from Kenny Chesney to Kid Cudi, and Kelly Clarkson and Beyonce to the All-American Rejects with everything in between.

Beyonce's single entitled "Single Ladies" was the top

song of 2008 according to Rolling Stone. Rounding out the top ten on the list was T.I.'s single "No Matter What."

MTV's Top 5 Most Popular artists rank (in order from five to one) the Pussycat Dolls, Brinney Spears, Lady Gaga, T.I. and Lil' Wayne.

"I've been listening to a lot of 'Day N Night' by Kid Cudi," senior Kyle Slavik said. "I also just got the new Rick Ross CD and the song 'Maybach Music pt. 2' is good. I'm into a lot of hip-hop and rap so that's basically what I listen to."

As we have moved on from the '90s, we have seen a switch in pop music go from boy band groups like the Backstreet Boys and *NSYNC, to R&B artists like Destiny's Child and Lauryn Hill and then artists like Nelly and 50 Cent have transformed what pop music is. The MTV Top Artists shows that hip-hop and rap have become some of the most popular music out in the world today.

"I like almost every type of music except country and the head banger music," sophomore Brittany Colby said. "Currently I like that song 'Day N Night' by Kid Cudi. I've been listening to rap since I was in third grade. I

like rap because of the lyrics and beats, although a lot of the hits on the radio have had or nonsense lyrics."

The new wave of rap was made even more popular when Eminem came onto the stage in 1999, most notably mocking many of the "boy bands" of the time like the Backstreet Boys. In 2008 he was named the Best Rapper Alive by Vibe Magazine. Eminem's popularity rose from his funny to shocking lyrics in his songs about many celebrities and other artists of the time. Since coming onto the stage in 1999, Eminem has grossed millions of dollars and is known as the best white rapper today.

The Billboard Hot 100 shows that seven of the top 10 songs this week are either hip-hop or rap. The top song is the Black Eyed Peas' "Boom Boom Pow," and can be classified as hip-hop with its creative beats and rapping. The past few years has brought about a whole new generation that has introduced hip-hop/rap as the new pop music.

Younger generations have already been exposed to hip-hop/rap and it shows as Lil' Wayne's "Tina Carter III" ranked tenth overall by the critic's choice on Billboard. The album has sold over three million records and has gone platinum three times. His single "Lollipop" was ranked number five of the top 100 songs of 2008 by Rolling Stone.

Hip-hop and rap music have been played throughout clubs and bars for quite a few years now and students generally like to hear it when they go to the bars in Westfield. The creative beats and rhythm are generally liked because the music is more enjoyable to dance to a number of students said. They also said that the music helps them create energy and it makes for a good party-like environment.

Although hip-hop and rap have almost taken over the Westfield State College campus,

other genres are also listened to by students. Country music has become one of the more popular genres with student's over the years, especially Kenny Chesney.

"I love the song 'Out Last Night' by Kenny Chesney," senior Tim Hill said. "I basically like anything country. I like a lot of Jake Owen, Jason Aldean and Keith Urban. Country is just so easy to listen to and it makes you want to have a good time."

"Keony Chesney is easily my favorite country singer right now," senior Rob Wayne said. "Currently I am listening to Taylor Swift's 'Our Song,' She's a really talented country singer and she has a great voice."

One of the most popular country groups in 2008 was Rascal Flatts, who won the CMA Vocal Group of the Year award along with CMT Music Award for Group Video of the Year for their single "Take Me There."

"I love Rascal Flatts. I've seen them in concert twice and they are the best," senior Rachael Sabbag said. "Overall I like almost every genre of music, as long as it's good."

Other students don't listen to the current wave of popular music as much, and listen primarily to older artists.

"I love the new Kelly Clarkson CD, almost every song on it is good," senior Corey Davis said. "I am more into the oldies like Aerosmith, but I do like Rihanna and that new song by Flo Rida is kind of good."

Westfield State College students listen to such a wide variety of music that listing each artist would be difficult. Most students did note that hip-hop and rap have become the most popular genres of music throughout campus and that other artists like Brinney Spears have come and gone but have then reemerged and are seen as ideal pop music.

Top 10 Billboard Singles

1. Black Eyed Peas - Boom Boom Pow
2. Lady GaGa - Poker Face
3. Kid Cudi - Day 'N' Nite
4. Jamie Foxx (featuring T-Pain) - Blame It
5. Flo Rida - Right Round
6. Soulja Boy Tell 'em Featuring Sammie - Kiss Me Thru The Phone
7. Flo Rida Featuring Wynter - Sugar
8. T.I. Featuring Justin Timberlake - Dead and Gone
9. Miley Cyrus - The Climb
10. Beyonce - Halo

Weekend Box Office Sales

1. X-Men Origins: Wolverine
2. Ghosts of Girlfriends Past
3. Obsessed
4. 17 Again
5. Monsters vs. Aliens

*courtesy of billboard.com and movies.yahoo.com

Westfield State College art show brings variety of talent

Franny Zupancic
A&E Editor

Near the end of April, WSC art students gathered their best work for display at the Westfield State College Foundation Art Gallery on Elm Street. The exhibit featured various forms of art including sketches, paintings, sculptures, and pottery, showing off the talents of the college's art students.

Sophomore Sarah Holm displayed a pop-art drawing completed with only black, red, blue, and yellow sharpie markers. The drawing appears to be a tribute to the late Roy Lichtenstein, an American pop artist influenced by advertising

and comic book styles. Anyone who is familiar with Lichtenstein will recognize small recreations of his work within Holm's drawing, including "In the Car," "Drowning Girl," and "Kiss V." According to Holm, the pictures of his work were traced in the process of incorporating his art into hers. The large black and white portrait on the left and the plane crashing through the roof of the building were all drawn free-hand, however. The plane appears to be inspired by Lichtenstein's "Blam" painting.

If pop-art is not to your liking, another highlight of the show was Matthew Bettencourt's "The End," a pencil drawing showing a good versus evil battle of political leaders throughout history, taking place in front of a

mushroom cloud.

"My professor, Gerald Wise, simply told us to create a drawing with a number of people and some depth," says Bettencourt. "The mushroom cloud is the outlook I have for the future, which is grim."

A third noteworthy piece was Peggy Steuerwald's "Cityscape" drawing, another pencil sketch, this time of a city's building and streets. Steuerwald, a student in Design Fundamentals, created the sketch as part of an assignment under a single criteria of having a "one point perspective."

"I am from a small town in the hills and have only been to the city once, so this was all made up from my idea of what a city looks like," said Steuerwald.

"Some of the more detailed work (fire escape, curtains, garden) were ideas from friends and family."

The great work submitted by students is not limited to these three pieces. There were many more on display and I would suggest visiting the art

shows next year. For more pictures of other work and more detailed full-color versions of the works described here, I have created a small website consisting of a few pictures I took at the exhibit.

<http://www.contrahandwrestling.com/wscart.html>



Capricorn

(December 21 - January 20)

If you can mix business with pleasure much can be accomplished. Do a little investigating if there is someone at work you don't trust. Changes in your domestic situation will prove to be favorable in the long run.

Aquarius

(January 21 - February 19)

Don't hesitate to voice your opinions when it comes to matters pertaining to work. Dealing with relatives will not be in your best interest. Don't overlook that fact that someone you care about may be hiding something.

Pisces

(February 20 - March 20)

Social events may lead to a romantic interlude. You can pick up information that will give you an edge. Your tendency to dramatize may be a little much for your partner to take constantly.

Aries

(March 21 - April 20)

Time is money and you must be ready to take action in order to reach your highest potential. Try to compromise rather than having an all out battle. Uncertainties about your personal life are probable.

Taurus

(April 21 - May 21)

Try to avoid functions that will bring you in contact with those you find difficult to get along with. Your philanthropic contributions will bring you praise. Situations in your personal life are moving a little fast lately.

Gemini

(May 22 - June 21)

Your creative input will be appreciated by your boss. Organization will be the key to avoiding discord and family feuds. You will expand your circle of friends if you join groups. Turn your present relationship around or start a new one.

Cancer

(June 22 - July 22)

New love connections can be made through group associations. Try to be understanding. A residential move may be necessary to get a better job.

Leo

(July 23 - August 23)

You may want to take extra special care of your luggage if you are traveling today. Your changing philosophies may lead you into new circles and open doors that will give you a unique outlook on life. Uncertainties about your home may cause tension.

Virgo

(August 24 - September 22)

You can get others to do things for you but be sure not to overpay them or lend them money. Your uncanny insight will help you make the right choices. You can accomplish a lot if you put some effort into household duties or redecorating plans.

Libra

(September 23 - October 22)

Romantic relationships could be under pressure. Be careful not to come on too strongly. Problems with your mate will develop if you don't let them have their way.

Scorpio

(October 23 - November 21)

You can make extra money. Rewards will be yours if you put in the overtime required. You may be tired of working for someone else. It won't take much to upset your lover.

Sagittarius

(November 22 - December 21)

Overindulgence will mean poor health. Helping children may be rewarding and challenging. Keep your eyes and ears alert for any evasive or deceptive statements.

*courtesy of astrology-online.com

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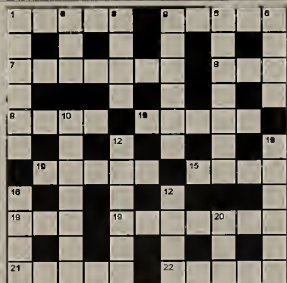
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HIKING	HOLJOAYS	HOT	ICE CREAM	JULY	JUNE	MOSQUITOES	NO SCHOOL	PICNIC	ROLLER BLAQUES	SANOALS	SKATEBOARD	SOCCER	SOLSTICE	SPRINKLERS	SUNBURN	SUNGLASSES	SUNSCREEN
SUNSHINE	SUNTAN	SWEAT	SWIMMING	U V RAYS	WASPS	WATER FIGHTS	WATERMELON										

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Across

- Comical (5)
- One of the senses (5)
- Freedom (7)
- Repet (3)
- Woodwind instrument (4)
- Ire (5)
- Valuable item (5)
- Singing voice (4)
- Large antelope (3)
- Greed (7)
- Force out (5)
- Compare (5)

Down

- Bird of prey (6)
- Seize suddenly (3)
- Tall story (4)
- Attempting (6)
- Oreanlike (7)
- Level (4)
- Vague (7)
- Leave (6)
- Forward-looking (6)
- Monster (4)
- Shopping precinct (4)
- Writing fluid (3)

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





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End of School!



Missing graduating seniors! Good luck to you all!

Fri 5/8	High 71 Low 53		Showers 50% Chance of Prec.
Sat 5/9	High 75 Low 50		Partly Cloudy 20% Chance of Prec.
Sun 5/10	High 67 Low 46		Partly Cloudy 20% Chance of Prec.
Mon 5/11	High 64 Low 47		Partly Cloudy 20% Chance of Prec.
Tue 5/12	High 69 Low 47		Partly Cloudy 10% Chance of Prec.
Wed 5/13	High 69 Low 47		Mostly Sunny 10% Chance of Prec.
Thu 5/14	High 72 Low 52		Sunny 0% Chance of Prec.

Hours Of Operation

Dining Commons

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-8:00p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 8:00a.m.-1:30p.m. & 4:30p.m.-8:00p.m.

*Cyber Cafe located in the Dining Commons is open 24 hours with limited self service

Subway

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-11:00p.m.

Saturday 12:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

Sunday 12:30p.m.-11:00p.m.

Dunkin Donuts

Monday-Thursday 8:00a.m.-9:30p.m.

Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 7:00a.m.-12:30a.m.

Quixotes

Monday-Thursday 8:00a.m.-9:30p.m.

Friday 8:00a.m.-6:00p.m.

Jazzman's Cafe

Monday-Friday 7:00a.m.-11:00p.m.

Saturday 12:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

Sunday 1:00p.m.-11:00p.m.

Pandini's

Monday-Sunday 8:00a.m.-12:00a.m.

The Perch

Friday & Saturday 8:00p.m.-2:00a.m.

Garden Cafe

Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

Bookstore

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:30a.m.-6:00p.m.

Wednesday 8:30a.m.-7:00p.m.

Friday 8:30a.m.-4:00p.m.

Saturday 11:00a.m.-3:00p.m.

Closed Sundays